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SPEAKER KERR.

PROSPECTS OF A PROLONGED ABSENCE ON ACCOUNT OF FAILING HEALTH—RANDALL OR BLACKBURN AS THE POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Speaker Kerr has telegraphed that he will return to Washington on Monday. His return will end the temporary Speakership of Mr. Cox. The belief is current that he cannot possibly continue to perform the labors of his office through the session. One of the reports in circulation is that Dr. Hammond has written Mr. Kerr a letter advising that he must leave the business of Congress and go South. This report is, however, denied by Mr. Kerr's son. In case Mr. Kerr should go away again, Mr. Randall will come forward as a candidate for Speaker, and he is said to be confident of his election. This would leave Mr. Holman Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, and with his method of doing business Congress would not be able to appropriate money fast enough to keep the departments in operation even when they have been reduced as much as Mr. Holman himself could desire. Mr. Randall will meet a strong opposition, particularly from the friends of Mr. Blackburn, who seems by far the best qualified of any man on the Democratic side of the House for the position of Speaker. The only objections urged against him are that he is a new member and was in the Confederate service. But it is said on the other hand that if a good speaker can be found among the new members it would be much better for the Democrats, who need all their experienced men on the floor to oppose the strong men among the Republicans. The fact of Mr. Blackburn having been a Confederate will only be urged against him in this House as a means of electing some other candidate. If the opposition to Mr. Randall, instead of scattering among various persons, should concentrate on Mr. Blackburn he would probably be elected. Otherwise, Mr. Randall seems to hold the leading position.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

DELEGATES FROM VARIOUS CITIES WAITING ON THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO INFLUENCE THE CHOICE OF PLACE—MR. SCHELL'S VIEWS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—A large number of Democratic magnates from all parts of the country have already arrived to participate in the arrangements for the Democratic Convention. Two-thirds of the members of the Executive Committee are in town. Several large cities are represented by self-constituted delegations seeking to influence the adoption of their respective cities. St. Louis has the strongest delegation here, and it cease believing there would be little difficulty in securing the convention. It began the work several months ago, and had seen nearly every member of the committee, and claimed that enough of them were pledged to St. Louis to make its selection certain. They find, however, great opposition. Louisville and Cincinnati have large delegations working hard. Chicago is as yet making very little show of its strength, but quite likely may capture the convention in the strife between the other three points, St. Louis, Cincinnati, and Louisville. There is a strong sentiment found in the committee favoring Chicago. The Thurman men are said to be quietly opposing Cincinnati, because they fear the influence of the *Enquirer*, which is hostile to their candidate. Cleveland would be much thought of if it had hotel accommodations and a large hall. As it is, Chicago is strong as a second choice and a compromise between the conflicting interests. Mr. Schell said to-night that no Eastern city stood any chance whatever for the convention, and that it would undoubtedly go to one of the four cities named above. He thinks also that the convention will be held very soon after the Republican Convention—not more than two or three weeks later at furthest. He added, however, that there was an element in the party that wanted it put off to six weeks after the Republican Convention, but he did not think that proposition would be accepted.

THE RECORD OF THE HOUSE.

A SESSION OF DELAYS BY A DEMOCRATIC BODY—OUT OF TWO THOUSAND BILLS INTRODUCED IN ELEVEN WEEKS EIGHT HAVE BECOME LAWS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The meeting of Congress was eleven weeks ago to-morrow. In two weeks more the date will come when the last session of Congress ended. All the appropriations were made and every action of Congress necessary to the regular and continuous operation of the Government had been taken. Some of the most useful investigations ever made in Congress had been conducted to the satisfaction of the people. A large amount of really important work was accomplished, though it was the short session, when little more is expected than the passage of the Appropriation bills. This year, in eleven weeks, only eight bills of small importance have become laws. One bill the President has vetoed. About seventy bills have passed the House, the greater number being Pension bills, or bills of a private nature. It ought not to be omitted as part of the record of the House that upward of twenty-one hundred bills have been introduced. It is an indisputable fact that the work during the whole of this session has been less than has always heretofore been accomplished before the holiday recess. The House has nothing before it for action. The committees are preparing no work. It is not within the recollection of members that the list of committees has been called through for reports three times in one session. In the first days of a session, before the committees are fairly organized, the list has been called twice. But on the third call, so much business has been presented by those first on the list, that the last committees to be called have not even had the opportunity to report their measures to the House. Last Winter, for instance, the Committee on the Pacific Railroad could not report Tom Scott's subsidy to the House, and he was compelled to depend upon the chances of a two-thirds vote to secure a consideration of his bill. When needing two-thirds, however, he received much less than a majority. This session the entire list of committees has been eight or ten times called through, and only a few of them have suggested any subjects for legislation. The Committee on Ways and Means meets twice a week, but has done nothing that might not have been finished in two working meetings. The last day for the meeting there was not a quorum present. The Committee on Appropriations seems to be hard at work, but not one of the important bills has been introduced, and the Legislative bill is not likely to be brought in for at least another week. Meanwhile the delay cannot be charged in any degree to the Republican minority. They have not yet had an opportunity to oppose or obstruct anything. The responsibility is plainly upon the majority, and the delay is due to inexperience and inefficiency, not to use words of harsher import. If the Republicans should decline to interfere in any way in the business of legislation and give the majority full sway, the Appropriation bills would hardly be finished before the end of the fiscal year.

AN INDIAN WAR ANTICIPATED.

REPORT THAT THE MINING CAMP AT THE BLACK HILLS IS TO BE ATTACKED—THE MOVEMENTS OF THE MILITARY.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—An Indian war, the dimensions of which are entirely a matter of speculation, seems to be near at hand. Reports come from the West, with much reiteration, that Sitting Bull of the North is behaving in a very unhandsome manner, and some suggestions are made that the mining camp in the Black Hills is to be attacked by his warriors. Sitting Bull of the North is not the Indian of the same name to whom President Grant last Summer made a present of a rifle. The latter is a peaceable Indian, who is very proud of the weapon he carries, and is immensely fond of showing it and explaining that it is the gift of the Great Father. Sitting Bull of the North is a young and hostile Chief, and has caused the white inhabitants within a few hundred miles of him considerable uneasiness.

Gen. Custer is understood to have with him six companies of the Seventh Cavalry, and Gen. Crook five companies of the Third Cavalry. Custer starts west from Fort Lincoln on the 25th inst., and Crook has already started from Fort Laramie, and will go north. They will join their forces and attack Sitting Bull in the Powder River country, which is west of the Black Hills, and about one hundred and fifty miles east of the Big Horn Mountains. Sitting Bull is supposed to have with him from six hundred to one thousand warriors, and if the cavalry force is found not to be sufficient for the attack reinforcements of infantry will be taken from other forts.

A "GREAT EAGLE" GOLD COIN.

SINGULAR PROPOSITION MADE BY A MEMBER FROM CALIFORNIA—A BILL TO ENCOURAGE THE MANUFACTURE OF BASE MONEY.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Mr. Wigginton, of California, has a bill before the House which provides for the coining of a "great eagle." This is the Centennial year, and, in view of the immensity of the coin, it is surprising that Mr. Wigginton should have neglected to call it the "spread eagle." This coin is to be of the value of $50, and will weigh 1,290 grains. At least, that will be its weight if Congress authorizes any such magnificence. Reduced to the weight used in every-day transactions, 1,290 grams is equal to two and seven-tenths ounces. Six of these coins would weigh almost exactly one pound. It is manifest that this small coin would be exceedingly convenient to the people of California, where there are so many men worth, as every rich man on the Pacific coast is said to be, "fifty millions of dollars." A vest pocket full of the "great eagles" would save one of these men a vast deal of counting of small coins in the transactions of daily life. There is, unfortunately, one serious objection to this otherwise laudable and convenient coin. It is not, as one might suppose, that the legislation authorizing it would be clearly sectional in character, owing to the fact that few people in the East would commonly carry about with them gold coins weighing six to the pound. This is a trivial consideration. The unlucky fact is that such a coin would be a greater boon to evil-minded persons who might desire to debase the money of the people for their own gain than to the fifty millionaires. The "great eagle" must be so large and thick that there would be but the slightest difficulty in boring into its edge and abstracting from $7 to $10 worth of gold, and then filling the space with a platinum alloy of the same specific gravity. The remilling of the edge afterward presents no difficulty, and the coin so tampered with defies detection. This is a well-known method of debasing coins, and, in the experience of all nations, a coin larger than our half eagle is not absolutely safe from suspicion. Indeed, if some of the double eagles which are to be found on the Pacific coast were to be melted down, there is ground to fear they would not be found more valuable than the despised greenback of the same face value. Mr. Kelly's 3-65 bond scheme is not a more certain plan for reducing the value of the dollar than Mr. Wigginton's design for the casting of a "great eagle."

CONGRESSIONAL TOPICS.

THE CHIEF OF THE CHEROKEES—ARMY OFFICERS AND THE CENTENNIAL—THE TROUBLES CREATED BY MR. COX.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs held a meeting Friday to consider further the nomination of Col. W. P. Ross as Chief of the Cherokees and five other adjacent tribes of Indians. There was no decisive action, but it is understood there will be nearly, if not quite, a unanimous report against his confirmation. The committee, it is said, will hold that he is not eligible to the position of Indian Agent, because he is not a citizen of the United States. The merits of the controversy between himself and the factions in the country over which he presides as Chief will not be gone into. This case has excited some feeling among Western people interested in the control of the Indians, and it will determine the question of the right of Indians to serve as Indian Agents.

Gen. Banning, Chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs, has introduced a joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to detail, in connection with the Centennial Exposition, such officers of the Army as, in his judgment, are best fitted for the duty and can be spared from their commands without detriment to the service. This detail is not to exceed one officer to each State from which such officer was originally appointed to the Army, and no officer can be detailed unless he has served ten years in the Army and one in the field.

The trouble in regard to the election of Mr. Cox as Speaker pro tem., last Thursday, arose from the ex-Confederate members of the House, who desired Mr. Blackburn. This gentleman, besides being a good presiding officer, is an ex-Confederate, and by his prowess on that side in the war endeared himself to the Confederate heart. Very great efforts were required to repress an outbreak, and the talk since the election has been even stronger than before. The sentiments of the people who desired Mr. Blackburn's election were probably well expressed by one member from the South, who inquired very excitedly of another whether the time was ever coming when an ex-Confederate could hold an office in the Democratic Party.

A curious case of delivering one speech in the House and printing another in the *Record* occurred on Thursday last. When Mr. Cox was chosen Speaker he made a very brief inaugural address, as it might be called, returning his thanks for the honor of the election. After the proceedings in the House had begun, he wrote out a speech that he wished he had made, and gave it to the reporters to be used in the place of their notes. The same speech was given to the Associated Press, with directions to cut out from the regular dispatch the report of the remarks which he really did make. It happens, however, that in all the afternoon papers the address which Mr. Cox really made is printed, being given in the third person instead of verbatim, and in the morning papers is the *post facto* speech which he wrote after taking the chair. Some of the papers, including the *Morning Chronicle* of this city, print both speeches together. The remarks that he wrote out afterwards are, of course, those that are printed in the *Record*. This is a matter of very little consequence, but shows the manner in which the *Congressional Record* is made up.

A bill is pending before the House Committee on the Judiciary to create a lien in favor of material-men and others for supplies, materials, and repairs furnished to a vessel in her home port, and to make the laws upon that subject uniform throughout the United States. It provides that those who furnish supplies, materials, or make repairs to ships, steam-boats, or other vessels in their home port, shall have a lien on such vessels for the amount due them of the same character and subject to the same rules, restrictions, and limitations as now exist by the General Admiralty law in favor of the same class of creditors for similar claims against foreign vessels.

The Senate Committee on Appropriations will report the Military Academy Appropriation bill to the Senate to-morrow. The appropriation for the maintenance of a band has been restored, and this is the most important of the amendments made by the Senate Committee. The aggregate amount appropriated for the Academy is not materially changed by the Senate committee's amendments.

Mr. Randall estimates that the aggregate amount appropriated by the Legislative bill, when reported, will be about fifteen million five hundred thousand dollars. Last year the amount appropriated was nearly nineteen millions. It is probable that the bill will be increased before it finally passes the House.

WAR SPECULATIONS IN COTTON.

VARIED NATIONALITY OF A BANKRUPT OPERATOR.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The Supreme Court of the District of Columbia yesterday decided the case of Phelps vs. McDonald. The latter, it appears, during the war went South on the heels of the Federal Army, and, wherever he could, bought cotton, until he had accumulated vast quantities at certain points in the South. In the enforced countermarches of the Army this cotton was destroyed by the Federal troops. McDonald, after the war, was bankrupt, and filed a petition in bankruptcy in the Southern District of Ohio for a discharge, and, as an accompaniment to his petition, he swore that his assets were worthless, and a discharge was therefore granted. After his discharge McDonald, through a middleman named White, bought up his assets in bankruptcy for $20. He thereupon claimed to be a British subject, and filed his claim for cotton destroyed before the Court of Alabama Claims, and was allowed $193,000. McDonald's creditors, before his discharge in bankruptcy, among whom was Phelps, filed a bill in equity for a Receiver and distribution, &c. The English Government placed the amount in the power of the court to await its decision. Judge Wylie, for the majority of the court, decided that he had no power over the fund, and even if he had, the discharge of McDonald as a bankrupt gave the latter the sole right to the sum awarded. Chief Justice Cartter dissented, saying in effect that, while it was true that the fund was a British fund, and under ordinary circumstances the court would have no control over it, yet when the action of the British authorities placed this fund in the power of the equity court it had the right to deal with it according to the equities of McDonald's creditors. There was one point in the argument for the defense that McDonald having been discharged as a bankrupt was no longer liable to his creditors, which would be conclusive were it not for the palpable fraud and rascality shown in his attempts to plead first one nationality and then another in defrauding his creditors, and his purchasing his assets for a mere song. He would never lend himself to indorse a judgment which was based upon such patent rascality. Judge Olin concurred in the dissent. An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court of the United States.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

The whole number of trade dollars coined up to Feb. 1 is 8,081,000.

A fire at Mahanoy City, Penn., Saturday night, destroyed two double frame dwellings. The loss is $5,000; insured.

J. G. Dempsey, charged with embezzling $3,000 from J. H. Edwards, of Middletown, has been arrested in New-Haven.

At an early hour yesterday morning, while engaged in a drunken fight in a house on Mulberry alley, Pittsburg, Patrick Ferry stabbed Matthew Long in the abdomen, with a case-knife, inflicting probably fatal injuries. Ferry was arrested and locked up.

Christ Church Cathedral, in Hamilton, Ontario, was opened yesterday. In the chancel were the Bishop of Niagara, Bishop Coxe, of Western New-York; Dr. Shelton, of Buffalo; Dean Geddes, and several clergymen from a distance. Sermons were preached in the morning and evening by Bishop Coxe.

Hugh Courtney, who claims to be a son of the Earl of Devon, living in the South of England, was arrested in Buffalo, late Saturday night, for attempting to defraud the proprietor of the Tifft House of his board for the last month, amounting to $325. The young man sent to some of the first families, where he had been petted and courted, for assistance, and they turned the cold shoulder to his appeal.

BURNING OF A RED RIVER STEAM-BOAT.

NEW-ORLEANS, Feb. 20.—The steam-boat Mary Loury, from the Red River, for New-Orleans, with 1,300 bales of cotton and other freight, took fire at Carrollton to-day and burned to the water's edge. A small portion of the cargo was thrown overboard and saved in a damaged condition. No lives were lost. The total loss is about forty thousand dollars. The insurance is not known.

THE WILLIAM M'KEE CASE.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 20.—The *Republican* has a special from Louisiana, Mo., stating that H. F. Summers, who has been charged with doing very improper things as a juror in the McKee trial, denies in toto the statements of Watson Foster, his accuser. Summers is said to be a retired merchant of Louisiana, and stands very high in the community.

SINKING OF A STEAM-BOAT.

NEW-ORLEANS, Feb. 20.—The steam-boat Lotus No. 3, from Jefferson, Texas, for this city, with 1,000 bales of cotton, sank on Lake Charles. The boat, it is believed, will be a total loss. The cargo will be saved in a damaged condition.

DEATH OF JUDGE SPAULDING.

Hon. Alexander Spaulding, Judge of the Marine Court, died at his residence, No. 99 West Sixty-first street, yesterday, of pneumonia.

REPUBLICAN FRANCE.

A BALL AT THE ELYSEE.

HOW FRENCH GOVERNMENT ENTERTAINMENTS ARE MANAGED—A PALACE OF LIGHT—A THRONG OF NOTABILITIES—THE RULER OF THE LAND—SCENES OF GAYETY.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1876.

The ball at the Elysée on Monday night was a very brilliant affair, and was far more enjoyed than the first ball of last year. One reason for this was that especial pains had been taken to prevent too great a crowd, and between three and four thousand invitations only were sent out. It is possible to crowd about five thousand persons into this palace, but in order to do that they must be kept constantly in motion, walking about a circle up stairs and down. This was the case last year, and Mme. De MacMahon was not at all pleased to see her guests ill at ease, with no facilities for conversation in the different saloons. This year she superintended the preparations in person—a fact which accounts for the elegance of the artificial rooms, made by covering in a portion of the court-yard, and for the absence of too great a crowd. She herself revised the lists, and all applications for cards had to be submitted to her in person. There are in Paris about twenty thousand persons of sufficient importance to be invited to official balls, and to this number must be added the strangers who get cards through the diplomatic representatives of their country. This year our Legation sent in a list of fifty-two names. Prince Hohenlohe had a list of about forty. But of the twenty thousand persons in society, or competent to be received on State occasions, about one-third cannot attend on a given date, either on account of absence from the city, illness, death in the family, or other natural impediments to their going out. Hence the Elysée cards are accompanied by a litbographed note saying that, being personal, the recepient is requested to send his card back in case he cannot make use of it on the designated evening. Mme. De MacMahon, therefore, had to go through about twelve or fifteen thousand names, and distribute them over the three weeks in which the State balls are given. To the first are invited Princes, the nobility, Ministers, high officials, Army officers, and the most notable journalists; to the second the people who are a step lower down, and to the third the better people among the bourgeois class, and the men who have made their mark in industrial pursuits, commerce, trade, and the arts. One can see at a glance that it requires an intimate acquaintance with Parisian society to arrange the lists for these balls in a satisfactory manner, and I am sure the Marechale is entitled to public thanks for the way she acquitted herself of this immense task.

Mindful of my experience of last year, when I was three hours and a half going from the Madelaine to the door of the Elysée in the Avenue de Marigny, I took a cab to the Place Beauvau, and then went through on foot. The palace was entirely surrounded by lines of policemen, who kept the people back and the crowd in motion, while cordons of police guarded all the streets in the vicinity to keep carriages from entering. When I arrived at the Rue St. Honoré, near the hotel of Gen. de Ladmirault, I was struck by the profusion of light about the Elysée. It was illuminated in every part, and so clear was the light that one could have read a newspaper anywhere about the place as clearly as by day. On entering the palace one passes through a sort of tent used as a cloak-room, and hung with some of the most curious pieces of tapestry belonging to the State. One representing the fruits of peace, richly merited an hour's careful study. The service in the cloak-room was admirably performed this year, and there was no confusion or complaint. Passing up the broad steps, our tickets were demanded by a huissier in black with the usual silver chains, and we were then passed on to servants in the magenta, white, and red livery, who were all in full costume, and wore wigs or powdered hair. The ceremonial of the house was in the grand old style so elegantly shown at the reception at Prince Hohenlohe's, but the salute of the halbert was here omitted. When one entered Prince Hohenlohe's door he stood face to face with a giant in the Hohenlohe livery, who had an enormous halbert in his hand. As each guest entered this was raised and brought down heavily upon the marble floor by way of salute. This mediæval reminiscence was omitted at the Marshal's, but in all else the grand ceremonial was followed. This might have been due to the number of the guests and to the difficulties any halberdier would have in saluting four or five thousand persons.

When I entered, a number of persons were before me, and I paused for a moment in the ante-room to the right. There I saw the Duc de Grammont, surrounded by a group of men, and a little further on the Duc d'Aumale, conversing earnestly with M. Buffet, the scene being an exact repetition of that at Prince Hohenlohe's. To make the parallel more complete the Duc Decazes came by, with Léon Say close behind him, and Prince Witgenstein brought up the rear. The latter, who is a very handsome man indeed, wore one of the most gorgeous uniforms that I ever saw upon a German. There was only one equal to it at the Elysée, and that was a Hungarian hussar uniform, worn by M. de Moltke, brother of the Minister. I presume, however, as the Moltkes are Danes, that this is a Danish uniform; but I had fancied that one saw such gorgeous apparel only at Vienna and Pesth. High Hungarian officers—Count Andrassy in his cavalry uniform, for instance—furnish a picture that makes a decided impression upon the mind. I have always wondered how a man must feel in so much pretty finery.

Passing a door to the right, we came upon the Marshal, dressed in full uniform, with his white-plumed cocked hat under his arm, and a little beyond him the Duchesse de Magenta. Marshal De MacMahon bowed to all comers with a simple and rather captivating smile, and always with a look that makes an agreeable impression. At least such is the case with persons whose faces are familiar to him, but to those who do not appear to be at the height of the occasion the Marshal wears a look of haughty reserve, and sends out a searching glance that is very curious. When a friend comes up he is simply charming, and gives his hand in a manner most cordial. Near the Marshal was his son Patrice, who has just entered the Army from St. Cyr. The Duchesse de Magenta was all smiles and attention, and made every effort to put her guests at ease. She was simply dressed, yet her costume of pale blue faille, with garlands of white roses and tea-roses, made a decided sensation. Across the shoulder she wore a pink and white ribbon some three inches broad, at the end of which were suspended a rosette and the cross of the Portuguese order lately conferred upon her. "It is very pretty: and what an effect!" I heard Mme. Decazes say as the Marechale showed her the decoration. Behind her mother sat Mlle. De MacMahon a very sweet-looking young girl and very pretty, dressed in pure white, with a wreath of red roses about her head. After bowing to our distinguished hosts I turned to the left through the White Saloon into the next, always the rendevous of the Orleans Princes. They were all there. The Duc de Nemours, looking exactly like Henri IV., had young Blanche d'Orleans upon his arm, and was holding a reception in this part of the Palace. This room is reserved to the Princes and the diplomatic corps, a silk rope running along one side leaving a passage for circulation.

About 11 o'clock the saloons were very much crowded, and it was impossible to turn back toward the rooms in which the Marshal and the Duchesse were standing. Going straight ahead in line we came upon a small stair-case deliciously decorated with flowers and vines, leading up to the apartments above, and, on going through them, we came out upon the grand stairway, and, after descending, again began the tour. But, on turning to the right, we came to the ball-room, where Waldteufel was leading off a merry crowd. The room was filled to overflowing, but all made the best of the space left, and the dance went on unceasingly up to 3 o'clock in the morning. Just beyond the ball-room was the artificial saloon, one of the neatest things of the kind that I ever saw, (due, it is said, to the taste of Mme. de MacMahon herself,) and beyond this, a long saloon for promenade, through which one came back to the reception-room, and at the end a long saloon for refreshments. The buffet was well patronized, and if everything there was as good as the cup of tea that I took, the guests could not have failed to be content. At 1 o'clock an excellent supper, one of the finest ever served in the Elysée, was given in one of the rooms upon the first floor. It was after 2 o'clock when I left the Palace, fully satisfied with every detail of the evening, and convinced that this was one of the most successful balls ever given at the Elysée.

THE FRENCH ELECTION YESTERDAY.

A LARGE MAJORITY OF RADICALS AND MODERATE REPUBLICANS CHOSEN SO FAR AS REPORTED.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—Elections for members of the Chamber of Deputies were held throughout France to-day. In Paris the result is as follows:

In the First Arrondissement there was no choice, and a second ballot is necessary. The candidates were Baron Haussmann, Bonapartist; Tirard, Republican, and Maillard, Radical. Tirard had double the number of votes polled for Haussmann, and fell only 500 short of a majority over both his competitors.

In the Second Arrondissement, M. Brelay, of the Left, is elected.

In the Fourth Arrondissement, M. Barodet, the famous Radical, is elected, defeating M. Vautrain, Conservative Republican.

In the Eighth Arrondissement, the Duc Decazes received 3,810 votes, M. Chaffour, Republican, 3,612, and Raoul Duval, Bonapartist, 3,492. A second ballot is therefore necessary.

In the Ninth Arrondissement ex-President Thiers is returned by a large majority.

In the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Arrondissements no candidate has a majority, and a second ballot is necessary.

The following gentlemen are elected in the various remaining arrondissements: MM. Brisson, Marmottan, and Floquet, Radicals; Col. Denfert, the defender of Belfort; MM. Clemenceau, Gambetta, Louis Blanc, and Greppo, Republicans. M. Blanc is successful in two arrondissements. The elections in Paris have resulted entirely in accordance with the list inspired by M. Gambetta.

Rouen, Carcassonne, Dijon, Nantes, Versailles, Rennes, Dole, Dunkerque, Nevers, Pau, Bar le Duc, Rheims, Molins, Vesoul, and Limoges, all of which towns contain several electoral districts, have so far returned one Republican candidate each. Montpellier has returned two Republicans; Lyons and Lille, three Republicans each; Belfort and Nismes, one Legitimist each, and Nice, one Republican and one Constitutionalist.

Gambetta received 7,000 votes in Marseilles, against 1,900 thrown for the extreme Radical, Naquet. Gambetta is also elected in districts in Bordeaux and Lille.

Second ballots, in which it is expected the Republican candidates will be successful, are necessary at St. Etienne, Havre, and Brest.

The Duc Decazes is elected by a large majority at Decazeville, in the Department of Aveyron.

M. Renault, who recently resigned the Prefectship of Police, is returned from Corbeil.

M. Buffet, Minister of the Interior, was defeated at Commercy, receiving 1,273 votes, against 2,915 for his adversary, who is a Republican.

Jules Grevy is elected, but the name of his constituency is not given.

A second ballot is necessary in the third arrondissement of Paris, where Spuller, one of the editors of *La République Française* heads the poll.

Boulogne returns one Monarchist, and Calais one Republican.

Besancon, Nogent, Toulon, Poitiers, Chatelherault, and the second circumscriptions of Boulogne and Versailles have returned one Republican each.

The Department of Vienne has chosen four Bonapartists.

St. Denis has returned Louis Blanc, making the third constituency which has elected him.

Sceaux and Beziers have returned Radicals.

A second ballot will be necessary in the Nineteenth Arrondissement of Paris.

Arras and Roubaix return Republicans. Gambetta is elected in the Second Circumscription of the Department of the North.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The Paris correspondent of the *Times* telegraphs as follows: "M. Dufaure, Minister of Justice, is elected. The returns so far received elect 25 Radicals, 21 Moderate Republicans, 10 Conservatives, and 4 Bonapartists. Gambetta is elected in five places and Blanc in four."

A dispatch from Paris to the *Standard* says M. Buffet has been elected in Bourges. A dispatch to the *Daily News* states that Thiers had 7,000 majority in Paris. The city is perfectly quiet.

SPAIN.

CAPTURE OF A FORT NEAR ESTELLA BY ALFONSITS AFTER A HARD FIGHT—CARLISTS INTERNED IN FRANCE.

MADRID, Feb. 20.—It is officially reported that at the capture of Fort Montejurra, near Estella, on Friday, the Carlist leader, Gen. Calderon, was taken prisoner. The enemy's loss was heavy. The Alfonsists lost 300 men.

As soon as the Carlist War is ended 40,000 soldiers will be dispatched to Cuba. A battle is expected at Tolosa to-morrow.

HENDAYE, Feb. 19.—Large bodies of Carlists are concentrated in the neighborhood of Lesaca to oppose Gen. Martinez Campos, who entered Vera this (Saturday) morning. The reports that the Alfonsists have occupied Echalar and Penaplata are confirmed. The French authorities have interned 400 Carlists near Bayonne. The members of the Carlist Junta of Castile who crossed the border have also been interned. King Alfonso is expected to go to Tolosa and San Estaban.

HENDAYE, Feb. 20.—The Alfonsists have captured Eudarlaza and Las Taola and all the heights around Vera.

CONFIRMATION OF THE CAPTURE OF POSITIONS ABOUT VERA.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—A telegram from Madrid to the *Times* states that the Spanish Government has sent a circular dispatch to its representatives abroad, announcing the capture by the Alfonsists of Montejurra, and the occupation of the Carlist positions above Vera. The dispatch admits that the combat was sanguinary, the Carlists fighting with great valor. The *Times* correspondent with the Carlists acknowledges that their lines were broken on Friday. There were great rejoicings in Madrid last night, and the city was illuminated.

A special dispatch to the *Standard* from Vittoria, dated Friday, says the Carlists were withdrawing their artillery and reserves, and little resistance was expected from them near Tolosa.

GERMANY.

THE BISHOP SUMMONED TO TRIAL UNDER THE ECCLESIASTICAL LAW.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The *Post's* dispatch from Berlin reports that the Ecclesiastical Court has definitely summoned the Bishop of Münster to appear for trial on charges which involve the penalty of deposition from his See. The summons was posted on the doors of the Episcopal Palace, because the Bishop was absent.

CHINA.

ATTITUDE OF THE GREAT POWERS RESPECTING FOREIGN RESIDENTS IN CHINA.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The Russian Telegraph Agency publishes a dispatch stating that no alliance has been formed between Russia, Germany, England, and the United States in regard to China; but the usual good understanding between the powers is more emphatic by reason of the position in which the foreign residents of China are placed.

AFRICA.

THE GORDON EXPEDITION—MILITARY STATIONS ESTABLISHED.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Intelligence has been received in London from the Gordon expedition to Dec. 15. Gordon considers two-thirds of his work done. He has established numerous military stations.

TURKEY.

SERVIA IN ARMS.

BELGRADE, Feb. 20.—The Minister of War has issued an order calling out all men between the ages of twenty and fifty. They are directed to report themselves to the Military Conscription Committee.

THE WEATHER.

SYNOPSIS AND PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—1 A. M.—The barometer is now highest from the lower lakes to Eastern North Carolina. Threatening and rainy weather has prevailed to-day in the South-west. Quite a low barometer has advanced eastward over Nebraska to Iowa and Southern Minnesota. Brisk and high winds and increasing cloudiness have prevailed from Indian Territory to Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Dakota. Light snows have fallen in New-Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Minnesota. The Ohio River, the Cumberland, and the Mississippi at St. Louis have continued falling.

PROBABILITIES.

In the South Atlantic and East Gulf States, falling barometer, stationary or rising temperature, north-east to south-east winds, and cloudy or partly cloudy will prevail, and succeeded by rain areas.

In the West Gulf States, Tennessee, and the Ohio Valley, falling barometer, increasing south-east to south-west winds, warmer, cloudy, and rainy weather, and followed in the western portions by cold northerly winds and rising barometer.

In the upper lakes, the Upper Mississippi and the Lower Missouri Valleys, low barometer, brisk and high south to east winds, shifting to cold northwesterly, cloudy weather, and light rains turning into snow in the northern portions, and followed by rising barometer and partly cloudy weather.

In the lower lakes and Middle States, falling barometer, increasing north-east to south-east winds, rising temperature, and increasing cloudiness, succeeded by rain or snow in the former, and possibly rain during the night in the latter.

In New-England, rising, succeeded by falling barometer, north-west winds, shifting to east or south, colder, clear, or partly cloudy weather, and followed by rising temperature.

The Ohio River will continue falling and the Mississippi remain nearly stationary at and below Cairo.

Cautionary signals continue at Milwaukee and Grand Haven.

THE TRIAL OF GEN. BABCOCK.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 20.—It is understood that not more than one-third of Mr. Storrs' speech has been delivered so far, and that he will take up a good portion of to-morrow in finishing it. It is probable that Porter may not begin his speech until Tuesday morning. The arguments cannot possibly be concluded until Tuesday night. The Judges' charges will begin on the forenoon of Wednesday. Much time will doubtless be taken up by counsel in asking the court to submit instructions they may desire, and it will doubtless be Wednesday night before the jury retire to make up a verdict.

CRIME IN WESTERN ARKANSAS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—A private letter received here from Fort Smith, Ark., speaks of the work of the United States Court for the Western District of that State, contiguous to the Indian Territory, as follows: A large number of convicts have been sent to the Penitentiary. Six prisoners were sentenced to die on the 21st of April next for murder committed in the Indian Territory. The names of these criminals are: William Leach, (white,) Aaron Wilson, (colored,) Oss Saunders, (Cherokee,) Orpheus McGee, (Choctaw,) Isham Seeley and Gibson Ishtonubbee, (Chickasaws.) Some of the murders committed by these men were remarkable for cold-blooded atrocity. Leach burned the body of his victim to prevent discovery, and the negro Wilson murdered an old man and a boy near Fort Sill as a favorable introduction to the Comanche Indians, whom he was ambitious to join, but the Comanches were so disgusted at the details of the murder and affected by the piteous appeals of the child for life that they gave him up to the justice of the white man.

A TERRIBLE DEATH.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 20.—At Legrange, Ky., at 11 o'clock on Saturday night, John Finnegan, an engineer on the Short Line Railroad, met with a terrible death. Finnegan was on a freight train when an axle broke and precipitated the engine and cars down a slight embankment. Finnegan was by some means caught fast by the machinery, and held so that his companions could not release him. Two streams of hot water poured upon his face and body from a broken boiler. No relief could be extended to the sufferer, and, after the most horrible agony, he became unconscious, and soon died. The skin from the face and body peeled off before his own eyes. When a physician from Louisville arrived the sufferer was dying, with his tongue almost dropping off from the effects of the hot water which had forced itself into his mouth.

THE BLACK HILLS FEVER.

THE SEARCH FOR WEALTH.

EXCITEMENT AT A HIGH PITCH—HUNDREDS FLOCKING IN—DEPOPULATING THE OLD MINING CAMPS—INDIAN OUTBREAKS THREATENED.

From Our Own Correspondent.

CHEYENNE, Wyoming, Monday, Feb. 14, 1876.

The Black Hills fever is raging high in all the old mining camps of the Rocky Mountains, and not only the loose element that is always drifting about, but the well-anchored pioneers whom all the various excitements of the past fifteen years have not moved, content to let well enough alone, are now, one by one, we might even with propriety say in crowds, pulling up stakes and seeking the new El Dorado. A good idea of the extent of this mining fever may be gained by glancing at the local papers published at the various towns in Colorado and Wyoming. In the advertising columns the offers of mining claims, business stands, and other properties *for* sale are very numerous, and almost all give as a reason for selling that the owner is bound for the Black Hills. And the news items are plentifully interspersed with notices of this and that party who are just seeing out, some with full mining outfits, and others with supply trains, provisions, goods, &c., to start in trade at Custer City, or some other of the new camps springing up in the new land of gold. This exodus, which is daily increasing and is most noticeable in the old mining regions, has also extended to the Missouri River towns, to Chicago, and St. Louis, and appears to be more or less affecting the unemployed able-bodied population of the whole West to a large extent. Expeditions are fitting out at St. Louis, Sedalia, Kansas City, and Omaha, while small bands leave Denver, Cheyenne, Sioux City, and St. Paul almost daily. Two regular stage lines were put in operation last week between Denver and Custer City, and two lines are in operation between the latter point and Cheyenne. Besides this, the various other routes via Sioux City, Bismarck, &c., are already stocked with transportation lines.

Cheyenne, however, seems at present the most popular rendezvous and outfitting point, at least for the eastern portion of the Black Hills, whither the great crowds are now flocking. Some three thousand men and boys have left here within the past sixty days for "the front." There are at least five hundred now on the road. The most provide their own transportation, mule teams, camp supplies, ammunition, and whatever outfits seem necessary. The stage lines at present run semi-weekly, but are soon to be increased to daily service. The fare varies from $25 to $50, according to amount of baggage. The greater share of those who have thus far gone forward have been but fily supplied. They will not average $50 to the man. The rough element does not predominate. In fact, there has probably been no mining excitement in the history of the country the class of people drawn into which have been so generally respectable and intelligent. Conversation with several of them reveals the fact that they are taking this as a kind of last chance. Some have been in mercantile pursuits, some are professional men, hotel-keepers, clerks, all more or less pinched by the hard times of the past two years, and anxious now for a "new deal," cheerful, sanguine, and full of grit. The extremely mild Winter has served to swell the throngs. It is predicted by many that fully 20,000 people will be in the Black Hills country by the 1st of April—this providing the Government does not interfere, nor the Sioux block up the approaches. The hostile attitude of the Indians, and a threatened alliance to drive out all the whites, does not in the least deter these pilgrims. They are bound for the land of gold; the most of them have had years of plains life, many of them born on the frontier, and the desperate chance they are to take seems to add only spice to their adventure. So the dread of an Indian outbreak or the chances of being intercepted by the Government troops, so persistently brought to their attention by many of the Western newspapers, which are desirous of allaying this excitement and apprehensive of the issue, is treated as a scare, and serves to quiet in no degree

near together, and contain about forty cabins each. The distance from here is 270 miles, a good road most of the way. The wagon trains generally make the journey in ten days. Four stores have been opened in Custer City, and others will be shortly. Most of those who go forward, however, are well provisioned for two or three months. For those who are compelled to buy, prices are high. A sack of flour costs $12, butter $1 a pound, potatoes ten cents a pound, bacon thirty cents, and prices of other things in proportion.

Claims are regularly staked out under miners' laws which have already been enacted in the several settlements. Miners' claims are 350 feet wide, reaching from bank to bank across the gulch; town lots are fifty feet front by 150. Already the denizens of these new camps are disquieted by the reports of still richer discoveries from sixty to eighty miles to the north of them, and some have abandoned cabin and claim and rushed for the "new diggings." But these excitements are in most cases planned by parties who take the first opportunity to jump the vacated gulch which their victims have left behind. Jumping of claims is one of the lively features of all new mining regions, and it is no exception in the Black Hills.

We have conversed with some who have returned from the Black Hills, and have seen several letters from parties now working claims there. While some speak of the good prospects, and have much to say of the beauty of the country and the splendid agricultural capacities of the valleys, it is noticeable that they generally give no very direct or stirring accounts of their success at the diggings.

Letters to private parties from those who are now in the Black Hills are eagerly sought for by the local press and published. A few extracts from these will serve to show the condition and prospects of mining, and give some insight into the difficulties that beset those who go. One gentleman, formerly a business man in Denver, writes from Spring Creek, "Only two claims on this creek have been systematically developed or worked. These are paying big—that is to say, the man are taking out gold at the rate of $4 to $5 per hour to the hand, or say from $40 to $50 per day, and they expect to do still better. The weather is mild; no snow up to the 1st of January. We have had no word of any sort from the States since we left Fort Laramie, coming in, and I have not seen or read a newspaper for a month past."

Another writes from Custer City, and with some enthusiasm. He says: "Tell all the boys that this is the country to emigrate to. Some men are even now 'sacking' out $5 to $7 in the warm part of the day. There are about eight hundred men in here at present, and more arriving daily. Men are going out after supplies. We are located on French Creek, about eight miles from Harney's Peak. Tell all the boys who are not making more than $10 per day, to come to the Black Hills."

One man, who has just returned to Cheyenne, says that he "counted one hundred and fifty-one men, six women, and a saw-mill going into the hills from Cheyenne. One mill is now in operation at Custer City, where buildings are going up with great rapidity. There is, he says, no danger from want of food, for the miners can dig enough to buy what they want, and the country is teeming with game. A man can go one mile and a half from Hills City and kill a deer in an hour at any time. Provisions are now plenty and the supply is far in excess of the demand. Carpenters are more needed than anything else. Persons going in should have about fifty dollars in money or provisions and a supply of coarse warm clothes."

One man went into the Hills early in December, and returned here a few days ago for provisions, bringing with him a gold brick valued at $800, and about three hundred dollars in dust and nuggets, and avers that many are averaging their $15 per day.

Evidently the papers are publishing only the more favorable accounts, for we have seen a letter from a Denver typo, who advises his comrades to keep out of the Hills so long as they are making a living anywhere else. And some have already returned entirely disgusted with the prospect, and begging their way home again.

The Cheyenne and Omaha press seem to have taken it upon themselves to fan the excitement by every means in their power, and daily teem with rosy accounts of imaginary correspondents at Custer City and Calamity Gulch. Of course, so long as the fever lasts those places will enjoy new life and reap large profits; but it is very questionable whether the writers themselves have any faith in the new El Dorado. It is doubtless "good times" for Cheyenne people, and the "Magic City" is busier than it has been for years. It seems to have got the start of all its rivals, owing to its nearness to the leading camp, Custer City, and the safer and better route it has to offer. So the old town, which years ago was called the "Magic City," seems to be winning its glory back again, and is to-day overflowing with an excited population. I should judge that there were 1,000 men, showing all the extremes, from tender youth to almost ripe old age, now waiting at this point for transportation to the gold country. The worst of it is they are, in a large measure, taking desperate chances. There are but few men "well fixed" in all this number. Those now here and those who have gone forward during the past few weeks—numbering 2,500 to 3,000—will not average $50 to the man, counting outfit and everything. Large numbers have not sufficient means to take them to Custer City, and must become hangers-on to the trains that are to go forward. It is doubtful whether provisions, clothing, and other supplies at Custer City are sufficient to feed and make comfortable those now in the field and those on the way thither. The Winter thus far has been open and mild, but should storms and cold come on in February and March, as is sometimes the case in this latitude, blocking the provision trains, there must be a good deal of suffering. Regular communication has not yet been fully established. There are no mails. All the houses and cabins thus far built are crowded, and there are not stocks of goods to any amount in the two or three camps that have been established in the Black Hills. The Indians, too, are assuming daily a more threatening attitude, spurred on by the Indian Agents, who look with disfavor upon this pilgrimage into the new country. It seems to us, then, that those who are so madly rushing into the Black Hills at this time are making a hazardous venture. It is far better to stay at home and tide the hard times by honest effort than to run the risk of figuring in the great stampede that in a few months may follow this Black Hills excitement.

POST OFFICE CHANGES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The following are the Post Office changes for the week ending Feb. 19, 1876:

New England.—Offices Established—Damariscotta, Lincoln County, Me., Abram T. Gamage, Postmaster; Cornwall Hollow, Litchfield County, Conn., Abram F. Palmer, Postmaster. Postmasters Appointed.—Henry T. Sanborn, Springfield, Sullivan County, N. H.; George W. Blodgett, North Randolph, Orange County, Vt.

New-York.—Offices Established.—Long Year, Ulster County, William A. Sagendorf, Postmaster; Muitzeskill, Rensselaer County, David Folmsbee, Postmaster. Name Changed.—West Seneca Centre, Erie County, to East Seneca, and Morton Rahiman, Jr., appointed Postmaster. Postmasters Appointed.—Daniel Sullivan, Rhinebeck, Ulster County; Ira Young, Carlisle Centre, Schoharie County; Willard D. Tift, Hoag's Corners, Rensselaer County; Mrs. Eunice A. Sadlam, Johnsburg, Warren County; Harvey J. Sarles, Liberty, Sullivan County; John C. Chalenor, North Nassau, Rensselaer County; John Hill, Perryville, Madison County; Lavinia L. Crane, South Hamilton, Madison County; Ephraim Bayliss, Springfield Store, Queens County.

New-Jersey.—Name Changed—Rutherford Park, Bergen County, to Rutherford. Postmasters Appointed—Allan S. Clark, Evans Mills, Gloucester County; Henry C. Dennis, Fair Haven, Monmouth County; Samuel C. Potter, Quarryville, Sussex County.

Pennsylvania.—Offices Established.—Alberta, Luzerne County, Nicholas Hildebrand, Postmaster; Bell's Run, McKean County, William L. Hyde, Postmaster; La Plume, Luzerne County, William P. Slocum, Postmaster, Nantmeal Village, Chester County, Davis E. Loomis, Postmaster. Discontinued—Monticello, Armstrong County. Postmasters Appointed—John Wallace, Alum Rock, Claridn County; John K. Kendig, Lansdale, Montgomery County; Solomon W. Bachman, Lynnville, Lehigh County; Thompson P. Wiley, Marron, Clearfield County; Kate E. Cox, Mountain Eagle, Centre County; John Fox, New-Millport, Clearfield County; William H. Taylor, Reedsville, Mifflin County.

Maryland.—Postmaster Appointed—Charles R. Harrison, Chaneyville, Calvert County.

POSTAL STATISTICS.

The *Illustrirte Zeitung* gives the following statistics of postal traffic in 1874: In Great Britain and Ireland there were forwarded letters and cards of correspondence 1,046,000,000; in Denmark, 16,467,777; in Norway, 4,318,922; in Sweden, 16,077,600; in Russia, (without Finland,) 55,775,175; in Austro-Hungary, 282,650,583; in Switzerland, 63,252,884; in Germany, 591,304,474; in Holland, 51,888,337; in Luxemburg, 7,067,944; in Belgium, 64,956,879; in France, 366,506,169; in Italy, 162,810,600; in Greece, 2,163,046; in Turkey, 2,302,000; in Roumania, 3,938,322. This gives per head of the population in Great Britain and Ireland 32.8 letters and cards; in Austria, 10.8; in Hungary, 4; in Switzerland, 23.7; in Germany, 14.4; in Belgium, 19.4; in France, 10.2; in Italy, 3.8; and in Turkey, 0.2.

THE STATE ASSESSORS' REPORT.

LETTER VI.

To the Hon. William H. Wickham, Mayor, &c.:

A GARBLED STATEMENT.

The report goes on to say:

"Gramercy Park, containing about two acres, is private property. It is inclosed by a high iron fence. The public has no access to it. Each one of the fifty owners of this park has a key, and the families of the owners only can use it. This property is worth about a quarter of a million of dollars. A Tax Commissioner of the City says 'there is no law exempting this private park.'"

Now I venture to say that the only information the State Assessors had about that park was obtained from a statement published by the writer. It is another half-truth. I add the suppressed portion of the statement as published by me. Here are the suppressed facts:

"It (this park) is not exempt by statute, so far as I know, but it is exempt by a sort of involuntary recognition of the principle which controls in similar cases. Yet neither the City nor the State loses anything by the exemption, for the surrounding property pays an increased tax, owing to its proximity to the park, which more than reimburses the City and State for the loss of the tax upon the specific lots included in the area of the park. If the surrounding property were assessed for ownership of the park the assessment for benefit would have to be reduced, as the assessment for ownership and benefit together could not very well be made, and the assessment for benefit is larger than any that could justly be made for ownership."

Could anything be more unfair than the suppression of this essential explanation, so necessary to a full understanding of the case, and the full justification of a course which has prevailed in this instance for more than forty years? And yet the City is to pay more than one-half of the expense of circulating this garbled, and untrue because garbled, statement broadcast.

CURIOUS CONTRADICTION.

In an early page of the report the State Assessors say: "The only right rule of action is to obey the law." And again, on a later page, "The rigid enforcement of the law regulating assessments is the only remedy for injustice to tax-payers." But in a still later page they say:

"*Until all property* is assessed at its full and true value, *it does not seem just* that banks should be taxed upon their surplus, as shareholders in national banks, where shares are taxed at their par value, pay a higher tax upon their stock than is paid on any other property, including the national, as well as State, county, and city taxes."

Here is indeed a terrible fall from the high-sounding proclamations in earlier pages. Then the only right rule was rigid enforcement of the law, but now, forsooth, there should be some exception, notwithstanding much other property has been assessed at its full value. Page 15 of the State Assessors' Report for 1874 gives the decision of the Supreme Court, which declared "all assessments to be *unauthorized* and *erroneous* where the *actual value* of the (bank) stock is above par," and the assessment at par only, and upon the same page the State Assessors said: "The above decision is plain and to the point, that not only the nominal capital of banks should be assessed at par, but the surplus should be included in the valuation of shares by the Assessors."

After this, who shall keep the keepers? Having arraigned the Tax Commissioners for adopting a sixty per cent. ratio upon inflated values of real estate several years ago, the State Assessors practically suggest a violation of law in regard to the assessment of bank shares, intimating that the par value is high enough. Mr. Hunt and Mr. Sherman, my colleagues on this Special Committee, must smile as they read this, and recall the vehemence with which a State Assessor urged as one reason why more than $51,000,000 should be added to the assessment of this City, that the shares of banks were assessed so much below their actual value, dwelling with special unction upon the fact that the shares of one bank were assessed at $100, when they sold at $1,600. Moreover, he insisted that when $25 shares were quoted at 200, that it meant that a $25 share was worth $200. In vain did the Special Committee explain that $25 at 200 per cent. was only $75, and not $200. The answer was: "It is so reported in your New-York papers, and we believe their statement." And this argument seemed to me to be that which induced the then apparently wavering State Board of Equalization to impose the wrongful $51,000,000.

The report says that "where shares (of banks) are taxed at their par value they pay a higher tax than is paid on any other property, including the national as well as State, county, and city taxes." Now, this is not literally so. Take the article of whisky, (I do not mean by deglutition,) for instance. It pays a national tax of about two hundred per cent. upon its (cost) value. Yet it is subject to State, county, and city taxes. So, too, of imported goods which pay heavy duties, and still are subject to all other taxes after they leave the hands of the importer.

The hardship, I conceive, lies here. The manufacturer of whisky can charge his tax to the purchaser but the bank is restricted in the price of its commodity—money—by law. If the price of an article is restricted by law, the tax thereon should also be limited by law. This is the principle which governs in the Pennsylvania law, but it finds no recognition in the statutes of New-York, the rigid enforcement of which the report has urged.

The Tax Commissioners, obeying the law as defined by the Court, heeding the advice of the State Assessors in their reports of last year, and remembering the cruel use made by a State Assessor before the Board of Equalization of their failure to do so, have this year assessed the shares of banks at their "value;" and now the State Assessors don't think it just. The Commissioners are to be condemned if they do, and condemned if they don't.

But here again the fault is in the law and not in its administration. The law does hold bank shareholders, and does not hold other corporations, however "rigidly enforced." This, as I pointed out so long ago as 1871, is not right. The whole system needs reconstruction, and then bank shareholders will obtain the equity denied them by the present muddled condition of the law. To that end I have labored within my limited sphere thus far without success.

I shall look with interest for the developments in regard to those counties in which the report says that all property is assessed at full value in 1875, to see if bank shares are included in the comprehensive term "all property."

INTERESTING FIGURES.

A great many loans are made in this City upon out-of-town property, and very often with capital from other States. A gentleman whose business consists largely of negotiations for loans of that character as agent for various parties, has permitted me to copy several applications for loans, in which the sworn valuations of two disinterested appraisers and the local Assessors' valuations are given.

None of these valuations are more than six months old. The Assessors' valuations are as follows:

Counties.	Per cent. of Appraised Value.	Counties.	Per cent. of Appraised Value.
Wayne	33⅓	St. Lawrence	24
Wayne	30	*Steuben*	32
Steuben	50	Allegany	75
Cattaraugus	78	*Steuben*	43
Wyoming	44	Wayne	52
Steuben	44	Allegany	26
Livingston	55	*Wyoming*	58
Wayne	32	Wayne	50
Cortland	29	*Livingston*	50
Cayuga	42	Orleans	64

The counties in italic are those of which the State Assessor's report says that they "are credited with full value assessments in some or all of the towns in 1874." The process of "crediting" is a simple one, but it fades before such facts; which confirm the opinion expressed by the Committee of Ways and Means in their report to the Legislature, March 31, 1875, when they said:

"The experience of years has shown, as we have stated, that neither respect for the law nor the fear of punishment for perjury will induce an Assessor, under our present system, to put the property of his neighbors upon the assessment roll at its true value, and that some other influence must be brought to bear upon him."

These facts further show how impossible is the task set for the State Assessors to perform. I appreciate all the difficulties of their trying position, but I humbly decline to acknowledge their infallibility, no matter how many figures and fractions and percentages they may envelop their demonstrations in. Notwithstanding these, I must still be classed among the unbelievers, and, fortunately for me, there is no power to burn for such heresy.

GEORGE H. ANDREWS.

MEXICAN MURDERERS HANGED.

The New-Orleans *Picayune* makes the following extract from a private letter received by Mr. B. Courtney, of Algiers, from his son, Thomas J. Courtney, military telegraph operator at Edinburgh, Texas, on the Rio Grande, the letter having been written on the 3d inst.: "Only the day be ore yesterday there was a terrible case of butchery on the Rio Grande. A party of Mexicans started out and went to a store that was kept by an old man named Garcia and murdered him and his wife, two grown daughters, and several Americans. The store was entirely emptied of its contents. The next morning a party of citizens started out in search of the murderers, and succeeded in capturing eight of them and hanging them to the nearest tree. The way they were found out was they had in their possession some of the articles stolen from the store. They were captured just as they were in the act of crossing over into Mexico. It was expected the citizens would capture and hang as many more of these murderers.

ITALY.

INFLUENCE OF MODERN IDEAS.

THE NEW COMMERCIAL TREATIES—AN EVIL AGENCY—BAD EFFECTS OF THE PUBLIC LOTTERY—PUBLIC MANNERS—THE WAYS OF THE CHURCH—A WORTHLESS NOBILITY.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ROME, Monday, Jan. 24, 1876.

Italy is still in the agony of the renewal of her commercial treaties, and is at the same time cast down with doubt and lifted up with hope of what may come of the new issues. We shall know, after a few years of trial, what is to be the result of the experiment, and whether the country is to be any better off. Applying too abruptly the principle of free trade may give a severe shock to industries still toddling in infant weakness. Quite as large a part of what is scratched from the soil is sent abroad as is good for the population, raising the prices of the necessaries of life to pay for articles of luxury of foreign manufacture. The wildest of the commercial reformers wish to remove all barriers and let the tide rush in. Not one Italian in ten who wears a cotton shirt has the satisfaction of having his back made comfortable with a tissue so simple of domestic production. And there seems to be no prospect that a want so universal will be for a long time more largely supplied.

AN EVIL INFLUENCE.

One step at least might, with great moral advantage, be taken, which is that of getting out of the Customs revenue a sufficient additional sum to cover the income at present derived from the public lottery. This last is a great agent of demoralization for the whole country, and cannot be too soon done away with. And I am not sure that the *Monte di Pietà* is not productive of quite as much evil as good among the masses. Now, in this season of carnival thousands in the cities will hazard more than ever of their restricted means in the public lottery, hoping that the goddess of Fortune will toss them sufficient favors to pay for the pleasures to which the season is dedicated. Even worse: thousands, not to lose the gratification upon which their hearts are fixed, will pledge at the public pawn-brokers' shop household articles at one-third the value they have to their owners, and in the largest number of cases, without the prospect that they will ever be redeemed. There is much talk about a reform in the courts of law, and there is need enough of it; but it is time also for a reform to begin here. It may be that a revolution would succeed or be threatened, if the scheme were carried out of an abolition of the lottery, so addicted have the people become to this means of tempting fortune. It has long been encouraged in Rome by the Church, and I have not yet heard a single priest's voice raised against it.

PUBLIC MANNERS.

One who has been an attentive observer for a number of years of the tendencies in Italy has not failed to notice a falling off or decadence of manners. Servants have less reverence for their superiors than they had, and your chance acquaintance is likely to salute you without any prefix to your name, and with that rough familiarity which is a sure indication that all dignity of intercourse is to be thrust aside. With all the social democracy of the French, it is one of the charms of the friendly or forced contact of individuals that the sweet oil of a courteous deference diminishes friction, and leaves each one with a pleased consciousness that the skin of his self-love has not been roughly rubbed. What Frenchman would ever think of addressing another, whether of high or low condition, without giving him the title, to which all have an equal claim, of Monsieur?

THE WAYS OF THE CHURCH.

The Italians have not been distinguished for the elegance of manners of the French. The condition of this country, for a long period, has been such as to produce servility on the part of underlings, and an unrelenting assertion of superiority on the part of those holding a position of power. The Church has always taught abject submission, and it is the complaint now made by the lord prelates that the social pendulum has swung to the wrong extreme. One observes much less of knee-bending before superiors and hand-kissing than formerly, and no doubt it is quite as well. No true, noble sentiment was nourished by such acts of humiliation, but only the vanity and pride of place of the high priests was gratified. The prelates offered a subtle justification for this abjectness with their logic that prostration before them is a form of reverence for God, whose chosen servants they are. It must be confessed that the principle of authority is a good deal damaged by the tendencies which we have been for some time witnessing. The exercise of every genuine moral force is needed to keep those who must always be guided from falling into unhappy extremes. Popularizing political institutions does not mean vulgarizing them, nor should the effect be to drag down civilization. The charge is made by the friends of the old system that the present directors of political and social affairs are doing their best to barbarize manners, but the charge can find little justification in actual facts of conduct. We do not, to be sure, see yet so much of that robust self-dependence which is an element of true manliness as we should like to see; but this quality has never been much encouraged by the example of the so-called nobles. Here is Rome, which has not been in the past a model of the civilization of an extreme refinement, nor has here been much cultivated the fine art of living. Neither priests nor patricians have seemed to care much whether the population wallowed in filth and ignorance or cultivated the decencies of a life of Christian civility. Large numbers of those whose duty it should be to give their aid to raise, or keep up, the standard, now hide themselves or keep aloof from the society for whose well-being they must always be held to a large degree responsible.

A WORTHLESS NOBILITY.

If Italy was rid of some thousands of her trumpery Counts, Barons, and Marquises it would be quite as well. Titles do not make nobility, and their illusions only have an influence on vulgar minds. It may be your experience, as it has been that of others, to come in contact with those who may clean their tubes and give the benefit of the purgation to your velvet carpet while they are still dwelling upon some facts in the history of their ancestral line. Of the polish of a superficial dandyism there is a great deal in the cities of Italy, but of the sweet amenities of education and of mental culture there are not enough. To say more may seem like an attempt to analyze the elements that make up the social state, while the object only has been to state the fact of a decadence in manners in the recent years of a renewed activity. Italy has too many priests and too few schoolmasters, and the same is true of most Roman Catholic countries. A number of writers in Italy and France are engaged in an argument to prove that the inferiority of the Catholic to the Protestant communities of the world is owing to the destruction of the spiritual element and the substitution of the grossest materialism in the symbolism of Roman Catholic rites. The writers find in the life and earnestness which come from the freedom of thought allowed in the Reformed system the cause of the alleged superiority. In contrast with this, the fatal claim of infallibility on the part of the abettors of the old system has made of the Church a mere machine and an obstacle to improvement.

REFORM.

But the effort to bring about desired changes goes on, and will continue to go on so long as the aspirations of the country find their stimulus in the influences now actively at work. The light diffuses itself slowly, dispelling the darkness of popular ignorance and *pur si muove*. Still the world moves, in spite of the maledictions of the Pontiff and his household of priests. We do not find so much encouragement in taking a view of the vast field spread for the education of the masses as we could wish in the fact that the average annual compensation of public school teachers is still but a little more than two hundred dollars, and the hundreds of thousands of the generation coming forward are ever making larger demands. Elementary education for a vast population costs a great deal, and as yet means are provided for the instruction of not more than one-quarter of the whole of the inhabitants of the country. Every time the annual contingent is added to the Army we have opportunity to see what is the condition of instruction of those born in the last twenty years. Many of the country bumpkins, now coming in to begin their military service, have as robust a physique as one would wish to see; but, so far as a knowledge of letters is concerned, the majority of them do not know B from a bull's foot. It is certainly true that the Army is doing not a little, with its strict discipline, to straighten out the crooked sticks of the brush-wood of society, and thus, in a mild, intellectual, and moral sense, the $40,000,000 expended on the military establishment are not thrown away. But it is only the first rough hammering of the crude material in the process of education.

LOSS OF VOICE.

Dr. Bouillaud has communicated a curious case of aphasia to the French Academy of Sciences. The patient is an advocate, of the age of thirty. During one of the nights of the month of June, 1875, he was painfully surprised to find himself paralyzed on the whole of the right side, and that he had at the same time lost the power of speech, without, however, experiencing the slightest diminution of his intellectual faculties. He perfectly comprehended his wife's grief at the occurrence, her words, ideas, and sentiments; and though he deeply felt for her and for himself, he was unable to give vent to his feelings in words. Since he understood everything that was said to him, he might have answered in writing; but his right hand being also paralyzed, he was debarred from having recourse to that means of communication, not being in the habit of writing with the left. The paralysis of the limbs ceased in the course of a short time, and the patient could then write a few words and sign business papers. He could even utter some solitary words, but was unable to make them into intelligible sentences. Still his intellect and disposition were the same; he knew his friends, the things about him, the places and times, all business matters, and loved the persons and animals he loved before. He could play at cards, enjoy music, reckon and read, but without pronouncing a word. On the 28th of December last, when he consulted Dr. Bouillaud, his face and general attitude were those of a man in the full enjoyment of his intellectual faculties, with this single defect, that he could only articulate a few words, chiefly monosyllabic, with great difficulty and without order. The voice and all its inarticulate sounds were preserved, and the same was the case with the motions of the tongue, lips, and cheeks. Hence the only cause of the perturbation must be the brain; but what part of it? Dr. Bouillard thinks he can localize the affection in the anterior or frontal lobe of the cerebral hemispheres. For the satisfaction of those who may be afflicted with the same infirmity, he adds that in his long practice, specially devoted to such cases, he has often seen them cured, and never found them to end fatally.

THE INDIANS IN MICHIGAN.

The proposition to transfer the control of the Indians upon reservations within the States to the respective State Governments is said to be disapproved by Gov. Ludington, of Wisconsin, and approved by the authorities of North Carolina. Speaking for Michigan, Gov. Bagley writes:

STATE OF MICHIGAN, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, LANSING, Feb. 2, 1876.

Hon. A. M. Scales, M. C.:

DEAR SIR: In reply to your note of recent date asking my views as to the policy of transferring the control of the Indians from the General Government to that of the State, I beg to state that in my opinion the State could take charge of our Indians, who are nearly all civilized, at very much less expense than it is now done. The number of Indians within our limits is not large, and I believe one clerk in some of the State departments could transact the entire Indian business of the State. Our schools are open to Indian children and are certainly better than the Government schools, of which I believe there are some six or seven in the State. I do not know the expense of conducting the Indian Department in this State, but suppose it to be some $10,000 or $12,000 per annum, exclusive of annuities or gratuities due the Indians by treaties. I am not in position to give as complete information on this subject as it deserves. Mr. George Betts, the present Indian Agent of this State, is a thoroughly reliable, upright, competent man, and his opinions would have more weight than any others, and I would advise you to consult him. He would not be biased in his judgment by the fact that he holds the office of Indian Agent. Major J. W. Long, who held the office of agent for some time, is thoroughly in favor of State control. I would advise you to also consult with him.

Yours truly, JOHN J. BAGLEY.

HOW HE WOUND HIS WATCH.

The Virginia City (Nevada) *Enterprise* relates the following: "A day or two since Mr. Shaw, time-keeper of the Consolidated Virginia Mine, found a watch lying in the snow, where it had evidently been dropped by some one working in or about the mine. Mr. Shaw wrote a notice to that effect, posting it by the side of the window to which the men came to give in their names when going on or coming off their shifts. Several men called and described what was according to their ideas a 'valuable watch,' nearly all making it gold, with a fine chain of the same metal. Some set a number of beautiful pieces of gold quartz into the links of the chain. At last a little Frenchman came to the window and said: 'You find one vatch, Mistair Shaw?'

'Yes, Sir,' said Shaw. 'Have you lost a watch?'

'Yes, sare, me have lose me one vatch.'

'Can you describe it?'

'Oh, yes, sare, me can descripe him ver' perfec'ly.

'Well, what was it like?'

'My vatch he vas a silver vatch.'

'Very good. What kind of cases?'

'Vell, he have he's face wide open.'

'What kind of chain?'

'One leetle brass shain.'

'What kind of key was on the shain?'

'Vell, no key be on ze shain. He have no key at all. I wind him by zee tail.'

The watch was a stem-winder, and the Frenchman had given a perfect description of it, even down to 'zee tail.'"

POST OFFICE LOCK-BOX KEYS.

The Postmaster of Alton, Ill., required a deposit of $20 from the holders of lock-boxes, as security for the three keys furnished with each box. In view of the fact, the editor of the Alton *Telegraph* wrote to Washington and received the following reply:

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, Feb. 10, 1876.

SIR: Your letter of the 7th inst. is received. It is the custom of this office, when applied to by Postmasters, respecting a deposit of a small sum of money to secure the return of keys to lock boxes, to instruct them to furnish one key without any deposit, to secure its return, and to authorize them to require a deposit of fifty cents for each additional key. This amount must be refunded on the return of each additional key furnished. The Postmaster will be written to on the subject. Very respectfully,

J. W. MARSHALL, First Assistant Postmaster General.

A CONTRIBUTION TO THE LEE FUND.

The Treasurer of the Lee Monument Fund, in Richmond, Va., has received a letter from five little girls of that city, which reads thus:

MR. HUNTER: We send you twenty-one five-cent pieces for "the Lee monument."

We had Tableaux last night for this price, but some slipped in without paying.

Belle Walker, Maggie Marye, Bessie Lay, Toulie Atkins, Lillie Wolfe.

FEB. 15, 1876.

UTAH PRODUCTIONS.

The Salt Lake *Herald* prints the record of the condition of the farming and manufacturing industries of Utah in the year 1875, the figures being taken from a report made to the Legislature by the Bureau of Statistics of the Territory, under the auspices of the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society. The aggregates are stated as follows: Agricultural products, $4,393,929 97; horticultural, $1,170,248 50; animals, $6,642,796 50; animal products, $1,219,004 56; mechanical and manufacturing industries, $3,500,741; total, $16,935,109 73.

CHICAGO TOPICS.

CURRENT GOSSIP OF THE WEEK.

A COMPLICATED MUNICIPAL SITUATION AND ITS COST—CONTROVERSY WITH THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ABOUT RATES AND TAXES—LOANABLE FUNDS AND THE INTEREST THEREON.

From Our Own Correspondent.

CHICAGO, Thursday, Feb. 17, 1876.

It would probably be a wise movement on the part of the Government to establish at Chicago the head-quarters of that mythical person known as "Old Probabilities." There is certainly no other place on the American Continent where so many varieties of weather may be observed within so short a time. During the past week there have been fair and unfair samples of the four seasons. One day the thermometer reached zero, which would pass respectably for Winter; another, there was thunder and lightning and a heavy rain, such as we see in Summer; this was followed by a raw, sloppy experience for twenty-four hours, that bespoke the coming of Spring, which is the dullest and dreariest season of all the year; and then there was a bright and beautiful day, when the rays of the sun warmed a clear and bracing atmosphere, and recalled the Autumn time, which is the only enjoyable season of this trying climate. So the barometer and thermometer have been playing hide-and-seek for a week without tiring, and the mercury has evinced all the alertness of its mythological namesake. Chicago weather would keep "Old Probabilities" exceedingly busy, and, generally, warrant him in congratulating all the rest of the world on the comparative blessings of their various meteorological conditions.

THE COST OF CITY GOVERNMENT.

The Controller's estimates, which have just been made up for the current year, remind the tax-payer of one of the two visitors from whom there is said to be no escape. The practice is for all the different departments and branches of the City Government to make up their budgets separately, and these are turned over to the City Controller, who revises them, and in turn presents his estimates for all the year's expenses to the Common Council. All this appears to be merely a senseless form, since the Common Council in the end remodel the estimates to their own liking, fix the aggregate appropriation at any figure they please, and parcel it out among the different branches of the services as their own interests seem to dictate. Thus the Controller this year recognizes the tendency of the times to retrenchment, and hearkens to the voice of people who demand it in unmistakable accents. His estimates make an actual reduction of nearly $1,000,000 in the running expenses of the City Government, after allowing for $500,000 which he advises shall be appropriated to apply on the reduction of the outstanding certificates of indebtedness—the floating debt over and above the bonded indebtedness, which already exceeds the constitutional limit of five per cent. on the taxable valuation of city property. Yet the sum total of his estimates reaches the large figure of $4,817,344, which would appear to be ample for a city of little more than four hundred thousand people, in which all the street paving is done by special assessments not included in the general estimates. The main items of the expenditure of nearly five millions a year are as follows: Board of Public Works, about $450,000; to meet deficiency on tax collections of previous years, $500,000; Fire Department, $550,000; Health Department, $60,000; interest account, $300,000; House of Correction, $35,000; legal expenses, (over and above the regular Law Department of the city,) $20,000; Police fund, $700,000; printing jobs, $15,000; public library, $25,000; salaries of city officials, such as Mayor, Controller, Assessor, Collector, Attorneys, &c., $90,000; schools, $375,000; expenses of lighting the streets with gas, $600,000.

These, it must be kept in mind, are simply the Controller's estimates for the year, which are two or three millions less than the various departments have asked for, and also that much less, it is to be feared, than the Common Council will vote them. For, to bring the current expenditures within the sums set down by the Controller, it will be necessary to reduce salaries ten per cent., stop many public improvements in which friends of the Aldermen have interests as contractors, and lop off a large number of barnacles in the shape of small office-holders who have fixed themselves upon the corporation with the assistance of the same Council that now has the power to provide for them. These are the reasons why the hope of retrenchment from the Common Council is very remote. Hundreds of men are employed by the city as street inspectors, sidewalk inspectors, water and sewer inspectors, who do nothing which the Police could not do in the regular discharge of their routine duties. The assessment and collection of city taxes is now placed in the hands of the county officials by the general law, but the same old bureaus of Tax Commissioner, City Assessor, and City Collector, each with a host of assistants, are maintained as before. There are traditional jobs of the most outrageous character, such as the city printing, which is done both in English and German, though it is superfluous and unnecessary in either. This the charter requires the Council to let to the lowest bidder, while as a matter of fact it is let to the highest bidder—that is, the person who makes the highest bids for Aldermanic votes. The Council has just gone through one of its periodical struggles over this job, and two of the publishers of second-class newspapers have made public statements as to the reason why they did not receive the contract. One says that he offered $5,000 and the other that he agreed to pay more, but both maintain that they were outbid and hence lost the contract. One of these persons is the notorious "Brick" Pomeroy, who now publishes his weekly paper in Chicago, and whom New-Yorkers will probably recall as lost to sight but not to memory dear.

The simple fact is that the Chicago Common Council, and for that matter almost every branch of the City Government, is corrupt to the core—either venal, and to be bought for money, or dishonest in yielding to personal and vicious influences. The municipal situation is full of dangers which the tax-payers and good citizens of Chicago fail to realize in their selfish devotion to their business and their unpatriotic habit of ignoring all political connections. Nearly two years and a half ago they permitted the control of the city to pass into the hands of the reckless classes, with a man in the Mayor's office who would be set down as a loafer in any other city, and surrounded by a characterless horde fellows who have no other pursuit than tax-eating. The interests of the people are sold out on every occasion when they come in contact with the interests of these tax-eaters, who succeeded in adopting a charter which carried the Aldermen six months and the Mayor eighteen months beyond the terms for which they were elected. The charter was adopted by fraud, direct evidence of which is just beginning to come out from rascals who were engaged in the work, but who have failed to receive the rewards promised them for their villainy. The courts claim to be hampered and bound down by the law in such manner that they can afford no relief from the iniquities that are constantly practiced under the name of Goverament; and there are almost daily evidences of bribery and corruption, all but confessed by the official scoundrels, which do not even reach the Grand Jury, and never get so far as an indictment. Of course it is the fault of the people that they suffer, and this condition of things will last, to the detriment of the city's material interests, until actual danger of confiscation shall rouse the people to revolt.

FIRE INSURANCE AND LOANABLE FUNDS.

There is considerable feeling just now against the fire insurance companies doing business in Chicago. It is very generally believed, and there seems to be a reasonable ground for the belief, that the insurance companies have abused the opportunities that grew out of the two large fires from which Chicago has suffered, and that they have not made fair allowances for the money which has been expended and the improvements that have been provided in the way of protection against large fires in the future. After the fire of July, 1874, in which the value of the property destroyed was not more than two-thirds as much as in the recent New-York fire, the board companies withdrew for a short time, and returned with rates enormously increased. Since that time Chicago has expended several hundred thousand dollars in the extension and enlargement of water-mains and increase of hydrants; has built several new engine-houses, increased and improved its fire apparatus and added to the force; has made the fire limits coextensive with the city limits, passed a more rigid building law, and established a thorough system of building inspection; has built a new tunnel under the lake, carried it several miles through the heart of the city, with a number of large subterranean reservoirs at short intervals, and has erected new water-works at another end of the city, so that, in a few weeks there will be two independent tunnels running out three miles into the lake, with separate and adequate machinery ready for use at all times. The fruits of this work are seen in the number of fires and amount of property destroyed in Chicago during the past year, ending with Jan. 31 last. The official report shows that there were 471 alarms, of which 93 were still alarms, and that the total value of the property destroyed was only $457,360, of which $217,150 was covered by insurance. The largest single fire was the destruction of a suburban glue factory, valued at $200,000, and included in the above estimate. Now the annual insurance which Chicago pays is variously estimated from $3,000,000 to $5,000,000. It certainly does not fall below the former figure and probably approximates the latter. Taking an average between the two, then Chicago paid last year nearly twenty times as much in premiums as it collected from losses. It is no wonder, with this showing, and in view of the large amount of money paid by Chicago over and above insurance premiums in the way of improving the condition of the city with reference to fires, and for the benefit of insurance companies, that there should be a universal demand for a greater reduction in rates than the companies have shown a willingness to make. The disposition on their part to make a partial reduction has been checked for the time being by the discovery that they will be subject to a city tax of two per cent. on their net receipts, under the general charter recently adopted in Chicago, and this will probably be used as an excuse for maintaining the rates higher than they should be. The fact seems to be that insurance companies and other Eastern corporations doing business and loaning money in Chicago and the West generally must learn to content themselves with a lower rate of interest on their capital invested than they have been in the habit of receiving in years past. This conclusion is warranted both by the general shrinkage in property values and the marked decrease in the average rates of interest in the West since the panic of 1873. In a word, it is a part of the constrained return to doing business on the "hard pan." Before the present financial crisis set in Eastern capital, whether invested in insurance or loans in Chicago, was accustomed to earn a very much larger interest than it could at home. Speculation was rife in real estate, grain, stocks, and all sorts of schemes, and people were apparently indifferent to the amount of interest they agreed to pay. Bank discounts were invariably ten per cent.; short loans on real estate reached the same figure, besides commissions, and long loans commanded eight and nine per cent., with commissions. Now ordinary bank discounts run down to even eight per cent., and special arrangements on first-class securities may be made at more favorable figures. Loans on real estate for long time can be made at seven and eight per cent., with lower commissions than formerly. I know of an instance in which a gentleman recently had occasion to borrow some $25,000 for a short time on first-class security. He got the money for seven per cent., and, the transaction leaking out, he was besieged by the money agents for several days after, begging him to take some more on the same terms. There is more loanable capital at home than formerly. During the past season, Chicago capital for the first time has been able to carry the immense port trade of the city. It is also going into railroad investments to some extent, and it will begin to furnish the insurance if the Eastern companies do not take warning

immunity. It was believed that tobacco was an excellent preventive against the plague which committed such dreadful ravages in the reign of Charles II., and the Eton boys were ordered to smoke it school daily. Tom Rogers told Hearne, as it is recorded in the diary of the latter, "that he was never whipped so much in his life as he was one morning for not smoaking." In 1768, under Dr. Foster as head master, a rebellion occurred which is the most famous in the history of Eton. It originated in the breach of some technicality in the regulations, and assumed unnecessarily formidable proportions through Dr. Foster's want of tact. About one hundred and sixty in all of the boys took part in the revolt. One tradition has it that the whole body threw their school-books into the Thames, and that they spent a night away from the college at a locality known as Marsh's Inn, despite the remonstrances of a friendly master, who rode over to advise them to return at once. The denouement and some of its incidents are thus related by Mr. Lyte:

"On the following morning the boys marched back to the playing fields, and eighteen of them had a conference with the masters in the Upper School. They agreed to capitulate on condition that they should all be treated alike; but Dr. Foster declared that he would make no conditions. This announcement caused a regular panic, and *sauve qui peut* became the order of the day. One writer records with indignation that three of the ringleaders, 'to their eternal infamy, made peace at the expense of their own honor.' Many of their comrades followed their example, while others, more deeply implicated or more timid, hastened away to their own homes, only to encounter the reproaches of their indignant parents. William Grenville, afterward Prime Minister, was sent back to Eton for a few hours—probably to be flogged—and was then taken away from the school. Lord Harrington's son swore a solemn oath that he would not submit, and went up to London; but his father would only speak to him through the door, insisting on his immediate return to Eton. 'Sir,' said the son, 'consider I shall be —— if I do.' 'And I,' answered the father, 'will be —— if you don't.' 'Yes, my Lord,' retorted this dutiful son, 'but you will be —— whether I do or not.' The two sons of the Marquis of Granby met with a warmer reception, and were asked whether they would like to go to the theatre that evening. The other seems to too good a one, but they accepted it with alacrity. 'Yes,' said the bluff old General, who had himself experienced the discipline of Eton, 'you shall go there to-night for your own pleasure, and to-morrow you shall return to Dr. Foster and be flogged for mine.'

Dr. Foster's lack of tact in the management of the college reduced the number of pupils from 500, to which figure it had grown under his predecessor, Dr. Barnard, to about two hundred. Dr. Barnard, by the way, numbered among his pupils Charles James Fox. When but fifteen years of age he was taken away from school for four months and introduced to the dissipated society of Paris and Spa. "He returned to Eton," we are told, "with the ideas and airs of a man of fashion, but he was laughed at by the boys, and soundly flogged by the head master. After that he became more careful about his work, and attained such proficiency in Latin versification as to be "sent up." Under Dr. Davis, the successor of Dr. Foster, a party of boys carried off the flogging block and wreaked their vengeance on it, with red-hot pokers, splitting it up into small pieces, which their school-fellows were glad enough to buy from them. The young Marquis of Huntley took his fragment home with him to Gordon Castle as a trophy. At a later date, under Dr. Hawtrey, Lord Waterford, Lord Alford, and Mr. J. H. Jesse, in a frolic, but at some peril to their lives, through having to creep along a narrow ledge over the colonnade of Upper School to effect an entrance into the library, carried off block and birches together. Great was the indignation of the Provost on sending up a number of boys to the library to be flogged to find that his instruments of torture had disappeared. The block finally made its appearance in London, where it for a time formed the official seat of the President of the "Eton Block Club," a society for which no one was eligible who had not been flogged three times at school. Two snuff-boxes were made of the wood with silver mountings, and sent, one to the Provost and the other to the head master.

The period from 1809 to 1834 is memorable for the reign of Dr. Keate as head master, while Dr. Goodall was Provost. Dr. Keate is described most graphically by Kinglake in *Eothen*. "Anybody," he writes, "without the least notion of drawing could still draw a speaking, nay, scolding, likeness of Keate. If you had no pencil you could draw him well enough with a poker or the leg of a chair or the smoke of a candle. He had the most complete command over his temper—I mean over his good temper—which he scarcely ever allowed to appear; you could not put him out of humor—that is out of the *ill* humor which he thought to be fitting for a head master. His red, shaggy eye-brows were so prominent that he habitually used them as arms and hands, for the purpose of pointing out any object toward which he wished to attract attention; the rest of his features were equally striking in their way, and they were all his own." As this description indicates, Dr. Keate was a severe disciplinarian. Flogging was his chief resource for maintaining his authority, as might be inferred from one of his rules, that a boy should lose his remove if flogged three times in one day. Keate's victims declared that his very name was derived from *cheo* (I shed) *ate* (woe.) Some of them even asserted that flogging was a pleasure to him. As illustrative of the habitual inappropriate threat of the birch, it was alleged that the Doctor's comment on the sixth beatitude was "'Blessed are the pure in heart.' Mind that; it's your duty to be pure in heart. If you are not pure in heart I'll flog you." "A Bishop of our day," writes Mr. Lyte, "noted alike at school and on the bench for his gentle and amiable character, remembers the last words addressed to him by Dr. Keate. He had gone to 'take leave,' had duly deposited his bank-note on the table and was going out of 'chambers,' when the Doctor called out after him, 'Now mind you behave quietly. If I hear of your making a noise at your dames, I'll have you brought back, and I'll flog you.'" On one occasion it is matter of record that Dr. Keate flogged more than eighty boys, but this was acknowledged to be one of those cases in which the circumstances fully justified his severity. The boys rebelled against one of the regulations, and agreed that if summoned to the block they would refuse to submit to punishment. Dr. Keate waited until the young rebels were safe in bed, and then sent the tutors to the different houses to arouse them and bring them to him in relays of two or three. Thus taken by surprise, the boys had no opportunity to arrange any common plan of action. Dr. Keate dealt with them one by one, and the operation lasted until long after midnight. "Sore in mind and body, the boys could not but admit the next morning that they had been beaten in every sense of the word." But, in spite of all his severity, Dr. Keate had a gentler side to his character which made him beloved, and shortly after his retirement in 1834 the boys presented him with three pieces of plate, costing about $3,000 gold. For once he was fairly overcome. He gave vent to his feelings by taking off his cocked hat, the only time that symbol of authority was ever known to be raised to any one.

There is much that is interesting to all college-bred readers of this volume in its accounts of the growth of boating, cricketing, and more especially in its descriptions of the customs peculiar to Eton itself. One of the most famous and most ancient of the latter was the festival known as "Montem." Salt Hill, a small mound near Slough, was the locality where the rites pertaining to this ceremonial were celebrated. One of its features was the presentation of a pinch of salt to all strangers, who, in turn, were expected to give money toward the expenses of the day. Tickets were finally substituted for salt, but money was exacted for these bits of pasteboard, and on some occasions as much as £1,250 was collected. This money was supposed to be given to the Captain of the day to help him in his University career; but, as he was expected to defray all the expenses of the celebration, the honor of having been Captain was generally all that was left him. The pertinacity of the boys in exacting money and the turbulence which came to characterize the proceedings, brought about its restriction, first to a triennial instead of an annual celebration. In earlier times one of the collegers was dressed to represent a parson, another a clerk, and after some mock ceremonials, the parson, following immemorial custom, kicked the clerk from the top of the hill to the bottom. Queen Charlotte was so much shocked at witnessing this performance in 1778, that at her request it was discontinued, and parson and clerk disappeared together. But even the lopping off of its more prominent objectionable features could not reform the celebration, and about thirty years ago, after the reference of the question to the Queen herself, Lord John Russell advised the entire abolition of the custom. Thus Montem passed away, but after a struggle which almost convulsed the nation itself. It is

be regretted that complete reminiscences of the Eton scholars who afterward became distinguished in English literature or politics could not have been preserved by the successive provosts and head masters, or, better still, by their own class-mates. Shelley appears in the description of Dr. Hawtrey as "a stripling, pale, and lustrous-eyed," equally indifferent to the work and the games of the school. He refused to "fag," and this led to bullying and "Shelley-baits" in which he was frequently chased up-town. In his more peaceful hours he was addicted to quaint books and pursuits. He is said to have charged the handle of his door with electricity, which inflicted a shock on the tutor, who came to inquire into the noise caused by the machine. The Duke of Wellington enjoyed nothing more keenly than the opportunity of occasionally revisiting the scenes of his school life. His eldest brother, the Marquis of Wellesley, was buried at Eton by his own request, and the beauty of the lines which he composed for his epitaph were fully preserved in a graceful translation of them by another eminent Etonian, the Earl of Derby.

These gleanings from Mr. Maxwell Lyte's *History of Eton College* show that it is a faithful and entertaining reproduction of the internal life of one of the most famous of the schools of England. Such a work is far more interesting than a formal account of the organization and curriculum of the college would have been. These may be had at any time from the official records, but the characteristic anecdotes of teachers and scholars which are here preserved would in time have dropped out of sight and recollection, and Mr. Lyte has performed a most acceptable service by doing all in his power for their preservation.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Lawrence, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.
Third Monday's motion calendar.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Adjourned until the first Monday of March.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Held by Van Vorst. J.

Case on—No. 93.—Deyoe vs. Boyd et al.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART II.

Held by Westbrook. J.

January Term continued—held in General Term room. Adjourned until Wednesday, Feb. 23.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART II.

Held by Donohue, J.

Nos.	Passed.	Nos.	
1092	Corwin vs. Hartman.	535	Spratt vs. Pottier.
680	Lapertas vs. Vanderbilt.	1218	Kelly vs. Van Triet et al.
1028	Baldwin et al. vs. Briggs.	1028	Sullivan vs. Watson et al.
178	Hauck vs. Craighead et al., Ex'rs.	1086	Lawton et al. vs. Meyer.
225	Maguire vs. Pardy et al.	772	McKee vs. Cheney.
2338	Kellum vs. The Mayor, &c.	1184	Aubrey, Assignee, vs. Baxter.
982	Mather vs. Brennan, Sheriff.	1290	Avery et al. vs. Wilson et al.
452½	Clark vs. Cockerill et al.	1230	The Gold & S. Tel. Co. vs. Poppenhausen.
4224	Haskin vs. The Mayor, &c.	1236	Stevenson vs. Campbell et al.
4228	Same vs. Same.	1238	Laidlaw et al. vs. Dawes et al.
4087	Hatfield et al. vs. The Mayor, &c.	1252	Sherwood, Ex'r, &c., vs. Ribbons et al.
1142	Spinnelli vs. The Atlas S. S. Co.	1254	Gazzam vs. Evarts.
514	Carrington et al. vs. Ward et al.	1258	Ogden versus Van Mears.
1026	Harvey vs. Caro.	872	Lozow vs. Julian.
876	The Mayor, &c., vs. Genet.	748	Smith vs. Hodges.
1084	McCafferty vs. Hunt et al.	844	Wilkinson et al., Trustees, vs. Orvis et al.
1918	Hart vs. The Mayor, &c.	820	N. Y. Gold Ex. Bank vs. Chandler.
14	Fitzgerald vs. Kelly, Sheriff.	1050	Speyers vs. Gould et al.
1136	Biggs et al. vs. Thomason.	1138	Sherman vs. Mason et al.
2531	Crotty vs. The Mayor, &c.	1844	McBride, an infant, vs. The Second Avenue Railroad Co.
2532	The Suburban Gas Co. vs. The Mayor, &c.	1804	Dodge vs. The Mayor, &c.
1289	Graham vs. Brainerd et al.	1750	Fellows et al. vs. The Mayor, &c.
970	Schappert vs. Sulzer.	2236	Thomson, Assignee, vs. The Mayor, &c.
1324	Same vs. Same.	1928	Blondy vs. Gould et al.
2352	Bigler et al. vs. The Mayor, &c.		

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART III.

Held by Larremore, J.

Nos.		Nos.	
1188	O'Brien vs. Browning.	673	Platt, Assignee, vs. Van Name et al.
2350	Funch vs. Brink et al.	1105	De Jonge, Assignee, vs. Conner, Sheriff.
1131	Fisher, Trustee, vs. Courtenay et al.	1803	Dodge vs. The Mayor &c.
1155	Schultheis et al. vs. Meinhard et al.	65½	Morey et al. vs. Lilienthal.
1161	Weinhaus vs. The Mayor, &c.	1139	Croft vs. The D. L. & W. R. R. Co.
2206	Baldwin vs. The Mayor, &c.	1213	Hommedieu vs. Danforth.
2507	Lowden vs. The B'd of Police of N. Y. et al.	2331	Davies vs. The Mayor &c.
1421	Morris, Administratrix, &c., vs. Gillick et al.	5352	Tone vs. The Mayor, &c.
53	Bailey vs. The Phenix Bank of N. Y.	2833	Yelverton vs. The Mayor, &c.
1250	Blydenburgh vs. The Mayor, &c.	2334	Colegrove vs. The Mayor, &c.
1069	Allerton et al. vs. Nolan.	2335	Tytler vs. The Mayor &c.
1111	Wilkinson et al. vs. Noble et al.		

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Held by Sedgwick, J.

Nos.		Nos.	
17	Gutch et al vs. Crowley	33	Brown vs. Schwoon et al.
3	Gans vs. Ridgely.	32	Hardman vs. Dusenbury.
18	Goldberg vs. Levinson.	35	Miller vs. Morrell.
1	Davis vs. The Mayor	36	Bruce vs. The Hoboken Coal Co. et al.
39	Schwartz vs. Spangenberg.	38	McParlan, by guard'n, vs. McParlan.
22	Tracy vs. Hecker et al.		

COMMON PLEAS—EQUITY TERM.

Held by Robinson, J.

Nos.		Nos.	
2	Lalor vs. Moore.	14	Pearsall vs. Bennett.
29	Rhodes vs. The Mut. Life Ins. Co.	24	Scott et al. vs. The Knickerbocker Ice Co.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—PART I.

Held by Joseph F. Daly, J.

Nos.		Nos.	
254	Barsdorff vs. Kelly, Sheriff.	1690	Silber vs. Leavitt.
589	Patterson vs. Brennan.	1127	Cheeseman, Executor, vs. Johnston.
2049	Mech. & Trad. B'k of N. Y. C. vs. The Mayor.	1554	Luyster vs. Shepard.
777	Duncan vs. Brennan, Sheriff.	45	McCauley vs. Gass.
955	Fibel vs. Hillier.	2122	Kalchar vs. Bleecker et al. and Fulton Ferry R. R. Co.
956	Same vs. Same.	1778	Mordecai vs. Westmore.
989	Strauss' vs. North Ger. Lloyd Steamship Co.	1692	Reilly vs. Knickerbocker Ice Co.
177	Fisk vs. Standert.	1999	Brennan vs. The Mayor, &c.
51	Sly vs. Stilwell.	760	First Nat. Bank of Denver vs. Lyon.
2281	Picott vs. Conner, Sheriff.	1618	Odionel vs. Hanning.
696	Lataas et al. vs. Gt. Western Ins. Co.	986	Moller vs. Tuska.
2288	Oakley vs. Pettebone.	2071	Ford vs. The Mayor.
2373	Tilton vs. Sullivan, Public Adm'r.	1556	Hoger vs. Adams.
		1038	Wyman vs. Brennan.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—PART II.

Held by Van Brunt, J.

Nos.		Nos.	
1670	Brown vs. The Mayor, &c.	1454	Burns, Adm'r, vs. Luiss et al.
1673	Barnum vs. The Mayor.	1336	Hollandet vs. Miranda.
1470	Mabie et al. vs. Hasman et al.	1379	Friend vs. Waltcok.
1282	Kelly vs. O'Neill.	1377	Denby vs. Laborers' Union Ben't Soc'y.
1756	Hillier vs. Rossler.	1763	Austin vs. Ingraham
1585	Leonard vs. Ward.	1764	Same vs. Same.
2376	Burk, Adm'r, vs. The Mayor.	1249	O'Hion vs. Wahlig et al.
1818	Walsh vs. The Mayor.	1292	Stursberg et al. vs. O'Brien.
1268	Owens vs. Hose et al.	799	Sprague vs. Brennan.
1294	Harrison vs. Leopold.	1359	Robinson vs. Steurt.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—PART III.

Held by Gen. Sedgwick, Recorder.

Nos.	Passed.	Nos.	
1534	Gross vs. Boulon.	1603	Frank vs. Commercial Fire Ins. Co. of New-York.
1521	Ostrander vs. Oliver.	1665	Mackay vs. Asiel.
1602	Rheinhardt vs. Bloomfield.	1668	Consolidated Fruit Jar Co. vs. Almy.
2183	Weih vs. Bischoff.	1790	Wiess vs. The Mayor.
1494	Frost vs. Sturtevant.	1738	White vs. Chambers.
1496	Levy vs. Voege.	1755	Capron vs. Follet.
1789	Morrison, Adm'x, vs. Kirchner.	1785	Meehan vs. La Salle, New.
1797	Wright vs. The Mayor, &c. Set Down.	1798	Palmer vs. Lang.
1495	Kenyon vs. Duryee.	1799	Hayward vs. Hernstein.
1504	Reynolds vs. Mason.		
1535	The People, &c., vs. Samson.		

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART I.

Held by Goepp, J.

Nos.		Nos.	
6054	Eddy vs. Merrill.	1551	Blomquist versus Squires.
6682	Cromwell et al. vs. Burr.	5357	Ross vs. Britten.
6158	Stock vs. Meyer et al.	3187	Cohen vs. Conner et al.
3929	Fogg vs. Fobias.	3851	Holden vs. Howard, Jr.
6489	Dorjan vs. Central Y. de H. Society.	3883	Hall et al. vs. Chadwick.
6440	Close vs. Curry.	6726	Same vs. Same.
6821	Heraghty et al. vs. Conway.	6713	Hermance vs. McCrillis.
6261	Speyer vs. Heath.	3948	Barnett vs. Clark et al.
		3941	Cohen vs. Mander.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART I.

Held by Monell, C. J.

Nos.		Nos.	
509	Petrie vs. Poillon.	827	Harrington vs. Beach.
1217	Funke et al. vs. N. Y. Mut. Ins. Co.	283	Jaeges vs. Kelly, Sheriff.
1397	Brierly, Adm'x, vs. Smith.	1855	Lawson vs. Pinckney.
731	Cameron vs. Walker et al.	823	Byerson vs. Judson.
1675	Gottberg vs. Conner, Sheriff.	715	Cobb vs. Wood.
923	Phillips vs. Ruger et al.	885	Jones vs. Rutter.
627	Carrington et al. vs. Ward.	1924	Furman vs. Titus.
		919	Van Dorn vs. The C. P., N. & E. R. R. R. Co.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART II.

Held by Curtis. J.

Nos.		Nos.	
928	Whitney vs. White.	956	O'Hagan vs. Dillon.
1334	Stokes et al. vs. Reoknagel et al.	958	Same vs. Same.
984	Bell vs. Sedgwick.	1358	Smyser vs. Bright.
848	Maclean vs. Blossom.	954	Thomas vs. Loaners' Bank, N. Y.
778	Maman vs. Decker.	1972	Coebran vs. Gottwald et al.
990	Mech. & Trad. Nat. Bank of N. Y. vs. Moore et al.	718	Weeks et al. vs. Manhat'n R. R. Co.
1000	Randell vs. Bremer.	800½	Gay vs. The Avenue C Railroad.
1004	Johnson et al. vs. Flanagan.		

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART I.

Held by Alker, J.

Nos.		Nos.	
3895	Levy vs. Frankland.	6534	McCreery vs. Culver.
3801	Gray vs. Leeds.	6432	Cox vs. Conner.
5138	Newman et al. vs. Schwarten et al.	5480	Talcott vs. Schmidt.
2568	Dater vs. Payne.	3844	Zeuhicka vs. Jackson.
3797	Kantrowitz versus Garde.	3891	Walker vs. Martin.
3821	Goodkind et al. vs. Strickland et al.	3809	Richter vs. Sager.
5640	Kaupman vs. Loorman.	3749	Wilkins et al. vs. Conner.
6689	Keller et al. vs. Meiernann.	3189	Griffin vs. O'Meara et al.
		1592	Salomon vs. Lowenthal et al.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART III.

Held by McAdam, J.

Nos.		Nos.	
2624	Frothingham vs. Diedecker.	6604	Beach vs. Curtis et al.
5849	Schrecht vs. Shook et al.	6592	Levin vs. Reid.
6881	Ahrens vs. Conner.	6666	Reichers vs. Weatherland.
6889	Meyer vs. Conner.	6712	Harlem Bank vs. Hosmer, imp'd.
6851	Bather et al. vs. Alexander.	6725	Draper vs. The Chase Mfg. Co. et al.
4789	Stoddard vs. Sherwin et al.	6727	Same vs. Same.
4172	McEntee vs. Little.	6726	Same vs. Same.
2691	Hilmers vs. Hartens.	6713	Hermance vs. McCrillia.
756	Scott vs. Drennan.	6748	Barnett vs. Clark et al.
2656	Ott vs. Mearthur.	6793	Semin vs. Viemeister.
2196	Sullivan vs. Mahan.	6803	Lawrence vs. Alexander.
5404	Adelsberger vs. Crow.	6809	Cyster vs. The Manhattan Tel. Co.
3808	Neil vs. Mittnacht.	1610	Birdsall vs. The Manhattan Tel. Co.
5535	Rothmel vs. Conner.	6811	Rosenthal vs. Canary.
5893	Hall vs. Broome.	6823	Newburger vs. Schroff et al.
6212	Kirkpatrick vs. Harris.	6824	Mahat et al. vs. Schafer.
6312	Yutte vs. Bossong et al.	6834	Leonard vs. Reardon.
6529	Levy vs. Goodman.	6625	Butler et al. vs. Conklin.
6544	Leavitt et al. vs. Griswold.	6836	Dailey et al. vs. Pettus.
6597	Shiner et al. vs. Ludwig.	6799	Maguire vs. Banoker.
6809	The Nat. B'k of Redemption, Boston, vs. Johnstone et al.		
6603	Coates vs. Winter, imp'd.		

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Held by Hackett, Recorder.

John J. Lang, Thomas Dennon, arson.
Edward Stein, felonious assault and battery.
Anthony Fay, Louis Kurz, grand larceny.
Mary Duffy, grand larceny.
Michael Roach, false pretenses.
Mary McCabe, petit larceny.
Richard H. Scott, grand larceny.
Francisco Decania, robbery.
Andrew Doolan, burglary.
Thomas Devine, grand larceny.
James Doremus, Joseph Schoonover, John McCarthy, forgery.

THE SEARS ESTATE IN BOSTON.

THE HEIR TO THE PROPERTY BRINGS A SUIT IN EQUITY AGAINST THE TRUSTEES.

On the 25th of December last Mr. Joshua Montgomery Sears, the heir to the large property in Boston known as the Sears estate, attained his majority. By the terms of the father's will, however, the son was to receive but a moderate annuity during the next half dozen years, and after that the amount paid him was to be but small compared with the income of the estate, which was to remain as heretofore, under the control of Hon. Alpheus Hardy, Horatio Harris, and Hugh Montgomery, Trustees. The Boston *Post* says that this state of things is so distasteful to the son that he has appealed to the courts for relief. In the Supreme Judicial Court, at Boston on Friday, before Chief Justice Gray, a bill in equity was brought by him against the Trustees to obtain a conveyance to him of so much of his father's estate in the hands of the Trustees and of the income thereof as is not needed to support the trusts declared in the will, upon the ground that the same is undisposed of by the will, and that upon the arrival at the age of twenty-one years he is entitled to the same as heir-at-law. The original fund now amounts to about four millions of dollars, producing an income of $250,000. The will contains the following provisions: "I give to my son, Joshua M. Sears, the sum of $30,000, to be paid to him at the age of twenty-one years." "All such parts of the income of my estate which may be necessary for the support and education of my son I order to be used for that purpose, and when he shall be twenty-one years old I direct that $4,000 be paid to him annually, when he shall be twenty-five years old $6,000 per year, and $10,000 per year when he shall be thirty years old. And in the case of the death of my son before he arrives at the age of twenty-one, then I direct that $10,000 be paid to the Trustees of Warmouth for the purpose of a library and $6,000 for free lectures in said town, and the residue and remainder of said estate I direct to be paid and divided, one-third thereof to my brother Charles, one-third to my brother Willard, and one-third to the children of my brother, Thomas W. Sears." On his attaining the age of twenty-one years the Trustees paid him $30,000 and directed to pay to him anything beyond the annuities provided for in the will. The bill alleges substantially these facts, and asks that the Trustees may be ordered to convey to the complainant so much of the principal fund in their hands and of the income thereof as is not needed to support the annuities of $4,000, $5,000, and $10,000 to the complainant. The Trustees in their answer admit the facts as set forth in the bill, but deny that the complainant is entitled to any portion of the principal as heir-at-law or as undisposed of by the will, contending that the estate must be kept in trust in the hands of the Trustees, not only for the payment of the annuities to the son, but also for his education and support during life, and they submit the question to tee determination of the court. The case was reserved by the Chief Justice upon the bill and answer for the determination of the full court.

THE ANTHRACITE INDUSTRY.

From the report of Mine Inspector Blewitt, for the eastern district of the Wyoming coal fields, the Scranton (Penn.) *Republican* learns that the total amount of coal mined in the district during the year 1875, is 7,947,861 tons. There were 102 accidents in the district during the year, or one accident to every 77,588 tons. The number of deaths, 62, shows one death to every 28,000 tons, and the number of widows, 36, leaves one widow to every 219,833 tons, and there is an orphan to every 67,068 tons mined. There are employed in the district 17,592 men and boys, 2,163 mules, and 9,867 coal cars. The amount of coal used in and around the mines to furnish steam power to breakers, mines, fans, and furnaces during the year is 291,419 tons, and there were sold to 13,000 miners 156,000 tons. There are laid in the mines 191 miles of headings or gangways, and 181 miles of airways. There are laid in the mines 113¾ miles of "T" iron, and 119¾ of strap iron track. Outside the mines, leading to and from the breakers, there are laid 45 miles of "T" iron and 12 1-5 of strap-iron track. The death rate, as compared with other districts during the year 1875, is comparatively small, taking into account the immense quantity of coal shipped from this vicinity.

A FARM TWO AND A QUARTER CENTURIES IN ONE FAMILY.

The Portsmouth (N. H.) *Times* of the 17th inst. says: "In the family lot on the Rice farm at Kittery, Me., whither the remains of the late Major Alexander Rice were conveyed yesterday, now lie seven generations. Near by the lot is growing a rose-bush known to be over 200 years old. This estate was once owned by Sir Fernando Gorges, and deeded by him to the Withers family, and in 1653 it was given as a marriage dowry by Thomas Withers to his daughter Mary Withers on her nuptials with Thomas Rice. Thus this farm has been in the Rice family for a period of 224 years."

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—FEB. 19.

SALES FROM 2 TO 3 P. M.

$10,000 D. of C. 3.65s.	73⅞	1500	Lake Shore...s3. 66
10,000 N. C. C. G. B..	92⅝	300	do.....s3. 66⅛
10,000 do.....	92⅝	200	do.....s3. 66
1,000 St L. & I.M. 1st.	98½	100	Han. & St. Jo. Pf.	29⅞
4,000 H. & St. Jo. 8s, C.	83⅝	100	St. L. & K. C. Pf..	31
5,000 St. P. 1st C. & M.	98	500	North-western...	44⅛
400 Consol. Coal...s3.	48	300	do.....b3.	44⅝
300 Maryland Coal...	18	600	North-west. Pref.	66⅝
200 At. & Pac. Tel....	20	400	do.....	66¼
900 Pacific Mail.....	33¾	65	New-Jersey Cen.	108⅝
3801 Gray vs. Leeds.	6432	100	do.....	109
500 Western Union...	78⅛	100	Kansas & Texas..	10¼
600 do.....	78⅜	100	Rock Island.....	110⅞
100 do.....b3.	78¾	300	do.....	110¾
100 do.....b3.	78⅞	200	St. Paul.....s3.	45
100 do.....s.	78⅞	500	do.....	45⅛
100 do.....s.	78¾	400	do.....	45¼
600 do.....	78⅜	100	do.....s3.	45¼
900 do.....b3.	78⅛	100	do.....	45⅝
33 Amer. Express...	64½	300	Warren Railroad.	103
100 N. Y. C. & H....	115⅝	100	St. Paul Pref....	79⅞
200 do.....	116	200	do.....	80
800 Erie Railway...s3.	17	100	do.....	80⅛
1900 do.....	16⅞	300	do.....	80⅜
2100 do.....	16⅞	100	do.....	79⅞
500 do.....b3.	17	200	D. L. & W.....b3.	119
500 do.....	17	50	do.....	119¼
100 Illinois Central...	100½	100	Ohio & Miss.....	22¾
100 Mich. Central...	80⅝	700	do.....	22¼
200 do.....s60.	80¼			

MONDAY, Feb. 21—A. M.

The statement of the Associated Banks, issued from the Clearing-house, on Saturday last, shows a heavy loss in specie, the decrease in this item being $2,459,700, which can be traced to the final settlements made by the Syndicate, and the shipments of gold to Europe. The legal tenders have increased $1,072,200, which is quite natural for the season. The loans have been increased $1,454,700, while the deposits show a decrease of $796,300, and the circulation of $110,400. An analysis of the statement shows a loss in reserve of $1,188,425, but this is not at all likely to affect the money market, as the banks hold $14,822,150 reserve in excess of legal requirements.

The following shows the condition of the banks this week, compared with the previous statement and with the statement for the corresponding week last year:

	Feb. 12.	Feb. 19.	Feb. 20, 1875.
Loans	$268,586,700	$268,011,400	$294,850,100
Specie	24,504,600	22,044,900	12,654,200
Legal Tenders	47,895,600	48,967,800	54,392,800
Deposits	225,558,500	224,762,200	236,283,800
Circulation	17,293,500	17,183,100	22,584,400

And the following the relations between the total reserve and total liabilities of the banks:

Specie	$24,504,600	$22,044,900	Dec. $2,459,700
Legal tenders	47,895,600	48,967,800	Inc. 1,072,200
Total reserve	$72,400,200	$71,012,700	Dec. $1,377,500
Res've required against deposits	56,389,625	56,190,550	
Excess of res've above legal requirements	16,010,575	14,822,150	Dec. 1,188,425

The money market has presented no other feature but extreme ease. Notwithstanding the large investments in Government bonds and other stable securities by institutions and capitalists, the supply of money seeking employment continues largely in excess of the demand, as is witnessed in the low rates of interest current. The Government bond dealers were supplied at 2@3 ₱ cent., and borrowers on stock collaterals at 3@4 ₱ cent., time loans being quoted at 3@4 ₱ cent. for sixty days to four months. The discount market was without important change, and prime names, which were in small supply, met with ready sale at 4½ to 6 ₱ cent.

The foreign advices reported a gain of £370,000 sterling by the Bank of England for the week ending Wednesday, the minimum rate of discount remaining at 4 ₱ cent. The London market for Consols and United States bonds was firm on comparatively slight changes. The sterling exchange market was scantily supplied with bills, the movement of cotton at the Southern ports being restricted by the continued low ruling of prices at Liverpool. Toward the close it was expected that rates would be advanced, but no change was made, and the nominal quotations remained at $4 86 and $4 90 throughout the week, actual business having been close on to these figures. Gold was quiet and firm at the opening at 113⅛@113¼, but the payment into the Treasury of $2,600,000 by the Syndicate on account of the thirtieth call for bonds, and the shipment of about $1,700,000 gold by Wednesday's steamer, led to a subsequent advance to 113⅞. A reaction followed to 113½ on sales of "long" gold, but at the close there was a recovery to 113⅝@113¾. The rates of exchange on the closing days of the week were not sufficiently high to warrant large exportations of gold, but they were in such close proximity to the specie shipping point as to render shipments this week quite probable. Cash gold loaned free of interest to 5 ₱ cent. for carrying. The coin paid into the Treasury on Tuesday has already been disbursed to holders of called bonds, and this movement is likely to continue for some weeks yet, as on Tuesday last a call for $5,000,000 5-20 bonds for the Sinking Fund matured, in addition to the amount called in for the account of the Syndicate.

Government bonds displayed great firmness, the improving tendency of prices having been assisted by the rise in gold. The transactions were large, although probably smaller in the aggregate than last week. An active business was done in railroad mortgages, and prices advanced in some issues, more particularly in the bonds of the Wisconsin roads. In State bonds District Columbia 3.65s rose to 74¾, and reacted subsequently to 73⅞. The other changes were less important.

Early in the week the railway and miscellaneous share speculation exhibited firmness, but later a feverish tone was imparted to the market in consequence of a break in Western Union, following the announcement that the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company had reduced rates, thereby rendering necessary similar action on the part of the Western Union Company. Western Union sold down from 77½ to 73¼, with only a fractional recovery at the close. Pacific Mail declined from 35⅞ to 33⅜, Lake Shore from 67 to 65¼, and Missouri Pacific, on rumors of foreclosure proceedings, from 13¾ to 11½, with some recovery in the final dealings. The favorable news from Wisconsin in regard to the action of the Legislature on the Vance bill exercised a strengthening influence on the Granger stocks. St. Paul rose to 46¼ for the common, and 80⅜ for the preferred, while North-western common rose to 45¼, and the preferred to 67½. In the late dealings these stocks suffered a slight reaction. Erie advanced to 18⅜, but later reacted to 16⅞. New-York Central rose to 117½, and closed at a decline of about 1 ₱ cent. Hannibal and St. Joseph declined to 18⅞, subsequently recovering to 19¼. Investment shares were firm. Express shares were strong and higher.

RANGE OF PRICES AND CLOSING QUOTATIONS —FEB. 19.

	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing. Bid.	Closing. Asked.
New-York Central	116⅞	115	116	116¼
Harlem	....	....	143	145
Erie	17⅞	16⅞	17	17⅛
Lake Shore	66⅜	65	66	66⅛
Wabash	5⅜	5¼	5¼	5⅜
North-western	44⅞	44¼	44⅜	44½
North-western Pf	66⅞	66½	66⅜	66½
Rock Island	111⅛	110⅜	110⅝	110⅞
Fort Wayne	....	....	102	103
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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.—PIQUE—Mr. Charles Fisher, Mr. D. H. Harkins, Miss Fanny Davenport.

UNION SQUARE THEATRE.—ROSE MICHEL—Mr. C. R. Thorne, Jr., John Parselle, Miss Rose Eytinge.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—JULIUS CÆSAR—Mr. Lawrence Barrett, Mr. F. C. Bangs, Mr. E. L. Davenport.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER—Mr. Lester Wallack, Mr. John Gilbert, Miss Ada Dyas.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—LA FAVORITA, (Italian opera.)—Mlle. Titiens, Signor Brignoli.

BROOKLYN THEATRE.—QUEEN AND WOMAN—Mr. Frederic Bostwick, Mr. Edward Arnott, Miss Ida Vernon.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.—EAST LYNNE—Miss Lucille Western, Mr. J. B. Studley.

PARK THEATRE.—BRASS—Miss Rose Wood, Miss Leslie, Mr. George F. Rowe, Mr. Lewis Morrison.

EAGLE THEATRE.—UNCLE ANTHONY—Mr. Charles Howard, Mr. Frank Converse, Miss Alice Ross.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE—CURIOSITIES—Afternoon and evening.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF DESIGN.—EXHIBITION BY AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PAINTERS IN WATER COLORS.

TONY PASTOR'S NEW THEATRE.—NOVELTY AND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT—Tony Pastor.

ASSOCIATION HALL.—At 11:30—LECTURE by Dr. John Lord—"Blessed Angelo."

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—VAUDEVILLE AND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS.—BURLESQUE, SONGS, and NEGRO COMICALITIES—Birch, Wambold, Backus.

PARISIAN VARIETIES.—VAUDEVILLE AND NOVELTY ENTERTAINMENT.

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In this part of the country, it is hard to believe that the extreme inflation views avowed by certain speakers in the West can be seriously held by any large section of the people. Yet there is only too much reason to suppose that the speakers in question fairly represent the opinions of a great proportion, if not the actual majority, of their fellow-citizens. In Indiana, for instance, the greenback appears to have been erected into a sort of popular idol, and is believed to be a specific for most of the woes to which the human race is liable. The Republicans in that State have a hard struggle before them, and they ought to receive the sympathy and support of their friends throughout the country. They hold their State convention to-morrow, and it is believed that Mr. ORTH, now Minister to Austria, will receive the nomination for Governor. It is also expected that Gov. HENDRICKS will start this week on a tour of speech-making. It is to be hoped, for his own sake, that he will screw his courage up to that point which will enable him to take a position on the financial question a little more creditable to his reputation than that which he has hitherto occupied.

This week also we shall see the opening of the campaign in Connecticut, so that the work of the year will very soon be actively pressed forward. The inflation party in Connecticut seems to be far stronger than most persons have imagined, and its first efforts will be directed to obtaining a repeal of the Resumption act. The Republicans are busily engaged in arranging the preliminary measures for the Spring elections, and they have very fair hopes of success. It is much to be desired that they will gain a complete victory, for it would place the result of their campaign next Fall beyond all question. Success now would insure to the State a Republican Legislature, and elect a United States Senator. We may hope, then, that they will not be daunted by the difficulties before them, but face their antagonists in the same spirit which has conducted them to triumph in former years, when circumstances seemed to be quite as much against them as they are now. We are glad to learn that there are no serious divisions now existing in the party, the "Liberals" being comparatively few, and the Temperance leaders not much disposed to throw their influence on the side of the Democrats.

Eleven weeks of the Congressional session have passed away, and it may fairly be said that scarcely a single measure of public usefulness has been passed. Nor has there even been a debate in which the Democrats have figured to advantage. Seventy bills have passed the House, nearly all relating to the granting of pensions, or to private business. Not only has nothing been done, but the prospect of getting anything done appears to be rather worse than it was when the session opened. "The House," says our Washington correspondent, "has nothing before it for action. The committees are preparing no work." Never was there a more unfortunate victory for the Democrats than that which gave them the control of the House this year. It was so much easier for them to criticise the Republican policy than to construct one of their own. Even the Committee on Ways and Means will not venture to offer a suggestion. The members are afraid of their party, of the House, even of themselves. Is all this calculated to induce the people to intrust the whole business of the country to the Democrats next November? Even Mr. COX, in his most frolicsome moments, would hesitate to say that it is.

There is no longer any reason to doubt that the Carlist movement has finally come to a disastrous end. The fall of Estella, which was reported yesterday, is followed by the announcement of several other important victories, which render further resistance by the Carlists hopeless. Don CARLOS has disbanded the last pretense of a civil government which he maintained, and the members of his Castile junta have fled across the Pyrenees, where they have been "interned," with a large number of Carlist fugitives, by the French authorities. This is practically the conclusion of a long war. The manifesto of the pretender, protesting against the elections to the Cortes, was published in April, 1872. A rising in Guipuzcoa and several adjacent Northern provinces took place at once, and Don CARLOS himself crossed the frontier and appeared in the field about the 1st of May, 1872. With many fluctuations, the war has continued without intermission ever since. Don CARLOS has once or twice been driven into France, but, occupying the mountainous regions of the North, his cause has maintained itself with surprising tenacity of life until now.

Some papers have been laid before Parliament which serve to explain the negotiations that preceded the purchase of the Khédive's Suez Canal shares by the Government. It appears that the shares were 177,642 in number, and that £4,000,000 was promptly offered for them. When this transaction was completed, the Khédive offered to sell his right to fifteen per cent. on the net profits of the canal, but this was declined by Lord DERBY, who even ventured to suggest whether it was wise on the part of the Khédive to sell any more of his rights, seeing that he had already just incurred large pecuniary obligations. But the Khédive merely answered that he thought the larger the interest the British Government had in Egypt, the better would it be for that country. As a general rule, other foreign Governments appear to have approved of the course taken by England, and the bargain is now condemned chiefly by Mr. GLADSTONE and Mr. BRADLAUGH. Recent cable telegrams seem to show that the Opposition is not making much headway.

It is announced that Speaker KERR will return to his duties to-day, and we sincerely trust that there is no ground for the rumor that his doctors have advised him to withdraw entirely from his post, and even leave Washington. Mr. KERR may not be a particularly strong man in any way, but he is a very honorable one, a credit to his party, and a conscientious and impartial Speaker. We hope that his health may soon be sufficiently restored to enable him to carry on his work till the end of the session.

"CATCHING" ENTHUSIASM.

The reported desire on the part of some of the Democratic leaders to hold their national convention in Philadelphia on the Fourth of July, in order to "catch" the Centennial enthusiasm, is a fair example of the way in which a good many prominent men in that party regard national sentiment. They are willing to recognize it to any degree that can be of profit to their partisan schemes; but of genuine sympathy with it they have very little. The Centennial is an occasion which should be kept as completely free from any partisan prejudice as possible. There is nothing about it which belongs to Republicans more than to Democrats, or to the latter more than to the former, so long as they are honestly patriotic. The management of the Exhibition has been as far removed as anything could be from partisanship, and though the plan originated, so far as Government action is concerned, with a Republican Administration, and has received most of the opposition that has been offered to it from Democrats, yet there has been nothing in the conduct of the managers that the most suspicious could regard as showing partiality to Republicans. The proposition, therefore, to try and "catch" the enthusiasm of the Centennial is unjustifiable and impertinent.

It is, however, as we have said, eminently characteristic of a portion of the Democratic leaders. We hear a great deal from these gentlemen about what they are burning to do to make the Union stronger, and the national system more enduring, but, as a matter of fact, what have they actually done? They have had possession of the House of Representatives for nearly three months. What single measure have they proposed looking to the perpetuation of true union, or to strengthening the national sentiment? We may be pointed to the Amnesty bill which they tried to pass. We accept that as an excellent specimen of their handiwork, an excellent indication of their motives. The Amnesty bill was an offer of pardon to a small number of irreconcilables in the South, who had to a great extent, declared that they neither wished pardon nor would accept it. It was in effect a petition which the Democrats desired that the National Government should make to those who had made war upon it, and refused to ask for relief from the penalties they had incurred, asking them to come back, and accept the right to be elected to a share in public affairs.

A greater piece of folly than this, coming from a party which had shown all the sympathy that had been shown for the authors of the rebellion, it would be difficult to imagine. And, as if the proposal of this scheme was not sufficiently foolish, the Democrats refused to amend it by a simple condition that the newly-invited candidates for participation in the national Government should take a simple oath of fidelity. What is the use, said the principal speakers? They must take such an oath if they are elected to any office. But this amendment would reach those who might not be elected to office, but who under the terms of the bill are made eligible. It is not seemly or necessary that any man should be by act of Congress relieved of disabilities imposed for betraying the trust reposed in him, and of joining the enemies of his country, when he is unwilling to take an obligation to be faithful in the future. It must be remembered, too, that this is not a question of the past, and that the policy which the Democratic leaders sprang on the House immediately after its reassembling may at any time be brought forward. It is of not much importance to the country whether the few score of fire-eaters reached by the provisions of the bill ever enjoy the right of being returned to Congress or not; but the indecent haste of the Democrats to tender them this privilege is of some importance as showing the spirit of a party that pretends to be particularly and pre-eminently national.

If we seek any evidence of national sentiment in the Democratic Party other than an extraordinary tenderness toward those who a few years since were engaged in the secession movement, we are quite at a loss to discover it. There is nothing national in any of their measures, that is, nothing which has regard to the best interests of the whole country, irrespective of the demands of any section, unless we except the proposed Tariff bill. But even this is in a very dubious condition, and cannot yet be called a party measure. So far, it has only the support of Mr. MORRISON as a single member of the House, not as representing his committee, and of the New-York *World*. But Mr. MORRISON has never shown any power to control his party, and the New-York *World* is in no sense a leader, because when it gives good directions its party will not follow them, and when its party insists on going wrong, the *World* goes with it. Obviously the Democrats, as a party, have as yet no claim to the modicum of broad statesmanship—small as that is—which the Tariff bill evinces.

For the most part, indeed, the Democrats seem constrained to show their national character by sectional quarrels, the West domineering over the East, the South treating the North in a manner by no means so conciliatory or forgiving as would seem to be proper under the circumstances. The composition of recent committees shows how much sectional considerations prevail in the councils of the party. On the finance measure, Ohio has three members, New-York none, nor indeed is there one east of the Alleghanies. One gentleman from New-York says he was asked to go on the committee, but he knew that his constituents were "a unit" for hard money, and needed no compromise—from which it seems that the committee was framed expressly to patch up some sort of arrangement by which harmony, in appearance at least, should take the place of open bickering. Others of the New-York members are by no means satisfied with this reason for ignoring them, and Mr. MEADE has found it necessary to read Mr. LAMAR a severe and pointed lesson on the subject. On the whole, it may be said with justice that to ignore a State like New-York in a committee designed to consider the question of finance was a curious way of showing a national spirit. There are other points which suggest the same conclusion, but it is not necessary to follow the subject further. A party, the positive policy of which shows no single element of national character, while in many respects it is likely to be wholly given over to sectional schemes, cannot serve the whole country fairly and completely.

PENDING JOBS IN CONGRESS.

By the passage of the Fortifications Appropriations bill, the other day, the House saved more than three million dollars to the Government. The estimates from the War Department were made on the recommendation of engineers, and it is most likely that members of Congress from the various localities in which much of the money asked for was to have been expended, had a hand in forwarding the matter. The total amount of these estimates was three and a half millions. The saving effected was in reducing the appropriation. On this the Appropriations Committee were unanimously agreed, and the bill, after a brief explanation by Representative WHEELER, of New-York, passed without a division of the House. One significant feature of the bill, as it was passed, was that the Secretary of War is given full discretion in the expenditure of the money appropriated. Last year about one million dollars was expended for fortification purposes. By declining to specify the points at which work shall be discontinued, the House has shrewdly avoided the clamor which local interests were sure to raise if there had been any opportunity.

If this discreet management could be applied to all the bills appropriating money now before the House, the Democratic majority would get on famously with its work of retrenchment. And, what is better, the country would be relieved from expenditures which can be postponed, as well as from many which ought never to be made. To save three millions in a single bill which contemplated the outlay of three millions and a fraction is a good stroke of business. But when the House, or the Appropriations Committee, face propositions of greater magnitude, on which these local interests will insist on being heard, the real heroism of economy must be displayed. It is not likely that there will be a very vigorous effort made to secure the seventy-five thousand dollars asked for public buildings in Arizona, nor for a like amount for a similar purpose in Dakota, nor for the sixty-five thousand dollars demanded for the improvement of rivers in Washington Territory. These remote regions are not strongly represented in Congress. But the cotton-tax refunding scheme, involving an appropriation of more than sixty-eight millions, is not only backed by a powerful lobby, but it represents a large section of the country. The same may be said of three considerable railroad schemes, leaving out that of the Texas Pacific Railroad, and which in the aggregate demand more than twenty-four million dollars. Then several States, with influential delegations in Congress, ask for large appropriations for river and harbor improvements, and the erection of public buildings. The sum total demanded for the first-named of these local purposes must be very large. Each "bill day" sees a new avalanche, and a correspondent of THE TIMES has taken up a few of the items in order to show their utter frivolousness.

None of these applications for the public money would give great concern to the honest advocates for retrenchment if it were not for the fact that the working majority of the House had shown a Spartan firmness in dealing with such matters heretofore. Of course, it was easy to cut down the expenses of the office of Treasurer NEW, and those of the Internal Revenue Bureau. But Mr. RANDALL'S committee were obliged to pause when they came to the Democratic employes of the House. There was a feeling of repugnance at once manifested among the Democrats in the House when they saw the pruning knife of retrenchment flourished over the heads of the officials whom they had just secured in place with infinite pains. This reluctance shows very clearly that the Democratic idea of economy is neither broad nor sincere. What will be done when the bill for the reclamation of the delta of the Mississippi, in which so many Democrats are interested, comes before the House? And what is to become of the great mass of bills now pending in the House, brought by persons who claim damages by war? As for the Texas Pacific Railroad job, which contemplates an expenditure of four hundred millions, the House Committee charged with its consideration have a favorable report from a subcommittee, and they have gone all around it several times, but have not yet mustered up courage enough to recommend it to the House for passage.

There is no probability that the old political issue of "internal improvements" will be forced on this Congress. But the demands of locality are bound to assert themselves in support of some of the biggest of these pending schemes. The Kentucky Legislature has instructed the Senators and Representatives of that State to vote for the Texas Pacific job, and it is evident that that indefensible measure has a strong element behind it in the House. The forts and arsenals, whose improvement or completion were proposed in the bill just now so vigorously pruned by the House, can wait. There never will be a time, so far as can be seen now, when the tremendous jobs favored by many Democratic Congressmen will deserve a moment's consideration. It is an alarming thing that, in the midst of a campaign of retrenchment, in which more penuriousness than discretion is shown, some of the most extravagant schemes ever before Congress are regarded with placidity, if not favor, by the "reformers."

A MERCHANT ON THE CURRENCY.

The speech of Mr. S. B. CHITTENDEN, of this State, made in the House of Representatives on Saturday, was a very plain statement of the situation as it appears to sound merchants, and of the remedy which they regard as sufficient for existing evils. Mr. CHITTENDEN represents the Third District, which geographically belongs to Brooklyn, but which, so far as the interests and business connections of its voters are concerned, might as well be in New-York. He speaks, therefore, for a mercantile community engaged in every variety of business from that of the large importing house to that of the retail tradesman, and he expresses the views which the experience of his constituents has confirmed.

Mr. CHITTENDEN is not merely an opponent of inflation. He does not content himself with pointing out the dangers which further issues of paper money will bring upon the country, or even with describing those with which our abandonment of the specie standard has already surrounded us. He makes a clear and unmistakable statement of the measure by which alone he believes we can escape our present difficulties, and avoid those which confront us in the future. This measure is "contraction, neglected too long and at enormous cost." He has seized upon the key of the situation. The legal-tender notes "represent the waste of war." They are not "good money" but "debt," and they must be got out of the way by the only practicable method—funding. For such legislation he believes the country is ready. The law of 1875 has shown that we have too much currency, by affording a method for its voluntary contraction, which has taken place in large amounts. This contraction must go still further. It is the radical remedy, and the only one which has stood the supreme test of success. Mr. CHITTENDEN cites the great panics of 1837 and 1857 as instances of what contraction has done, and since he is a merchant who had personal experience of those eventful years, his opinion is entitled to respect. He believes that the effect of contraction at those periods was beneficial; that unsound enterprises were, by its action, swept off the ground, and capitalists, convinced of this fact, immediately became confident, and entered on a new course of activity and prosperity. This result he contrasts with that which followed the opposite course in 1873. Then, instead of contraction, we had inflation, and confidence is yet far from restored. Nor will it be restored until we remove the legal tenders, and leave the business of the country to regulate itself without further interference.

Mr. CHITTENDEN'S specific measure is the funding of $4,000,000 a month for eight months of the year, from February to September inclusive. Although he does not explain the motive for suspending funding during the Fall and early Winter, it is doubtless to interfere with the money market as little as possible during the time when money is most in demand in the West and South for moving the crops. We need hardly say to our readers that the views which Mr. CHITTENDEN expresses are, in our opinion, sound. We have frequently taken occasion to point out that the representatives of that portion of the mercantile class which conducts its affairs with the most discretion and success are invariably in hearty accord with such views. They are naturally and inevitably so; having discovered and obeyed the laws of legitimate commerce and finance in their own business, they are prepared to understand and apply them on a larger scale. The same principles which require a merchant to take care of his paper, to keep his promises scrupulously, to adjust his liabilities to his available assets, and to apply steadily to all his calculations the inflexible standard of real values—these principles will compel the United States to honor its legal-tender notes. No one knows better than the practical merchant the enormous cost of discredit, and none know by harder experience how this cost is multiplied when a Government inflicts it upon its citizens. The desperate spirit of the mercantile gambler, struggling by innumerable shifts to avoid the penalties of a suspected weakness, is subject to every variety of loss, every species of "shave." But the Government which imposes its own notes upon the people, and then neglects or refuses to honor them in the spirit of the promises accompanying their issue, exposes every business man more or less to the dangerous consequences of gambling. In spite of himself, he is dealing with elements as uncertain as the casting of dice. In such a plight, there is but one safe course for the Government, and that is the one pointed out by Mr. CHITTENDEN—to withdraw the legal-tender notes gradually but surely. We have no hesitation in agreeing with his opinion that such a measure, whatever its immediate results, is the only one which can restore confidence permanently.

CHEAP IMMORTALITY.

The New-York and Hartford Publishing Company is a corporation which devotes itself to the noble work of searching out the mute inglorious Miltons of our country, and conferring upon them fame and immortality by publishing their biographies. In 1872 the company employed an agent to hunt up persons willing to have fame thrust upon them, and in the pursuit of this queer undertaking, the agent called upon ex-Mayor WIGHTMAN, of Boston. The agent was accustomed to meet with discouraging receptions at the hands of heartless men, and had doubtless often experienced the baptism of inkstands and heavy ledgers, rained upon him by choleric old gentlemen who mistook him for a needlessly aggravated type of book-agent. When, therefore, Mayor WIGHTMAN contented himself with mildly refusing to have his biography written, and abstained from familiarly toying with the agent's ear, or reminding him, with a large and heavy boot, of a peremptory engagement in the next street, the wily agent marked him for his own. He exhibited to Mr. WIGHTMAN a contract, by the terms of which the New-York and Hartford Publishing Company was to print a sketch of Mr. WIGHTMAN'S life in a volume of other biographical sketches, for the sum of one-third of a cent for each word contained in the sketch. The contract also contained a stipulation that for every minute which might elapse between asking for and receiving payment of said sum Mr. WIGHTMAN was to pay the further penalty of two cents per minute. To this the latter gentleman naturally objected, being profoundly versed in higher mathematics, and being thus able to demonstrate on the lid of the coal-scuttle, with the aid of a moderately large piece of chalk, that two cents per minute is equivalent to $28 80 per day, and that a week's delay in paying his bill would cost him $201 60. But the agent was determined to secure his prey, and offered to consider the contract as a mere form. He said that he had an especial fondness for Mayors. Some men collect china, or books, or butterflies. The agent's hobby was the collection of Mayors, and he was prepared to perish miserably in case he could not succeed in adding Mayor WIGHTMAN'S biography to the sketches of other Mayors whom he had already bagged. He asserted that the most eminent men of the country, including CALEB CUSHING, and Mr. STOCKWELL, of Pacific Mail reputation, had agreed to have their biographies written, and he put it to Mr. WIGHTMAN, as a man and a Mayor, whether he could justify himself in the eyes of posterity if he refused to accept the laurel wreath wherewith the New-York and Hartford Publishing Company was anxious to deck his brow. Finally, Mr. WIGHTMAN yielded, and consented to become famous at the low price of $42, and to buy two copies of the volume containing his biography for $25 each, a written agreement to that effect being duly made.

In due time the biography, carefully prepared by a "first-class literary writer," from memoranda furnished by Mr. WIGHTMAN, appeared. Doubtless this "first-class literary writer" performed his work as conscientiously as though he were writing a leading article for his own newspaper on the subject of "Turning Back the Hands." Nevertheless, Mr. WIGHTMAN was not satisfied. The "literary writer" said that the subject of his sketch was "one of the representative men of Boston, and typical of the men of that city, as she, in her progress and greatness, is a type, and illustrates in her solid and substantial prosperity the earnestness and plain dealing of her citizens;" and he also added as the peroration of his sketch, the really beautiful statement that, "in the faith that trusts in the future and believes that the reward will come to patient and persevering industry, and so calmly and persistently labors on; for sympathy with and devotion to the interests of the humbler classes, among whom he was reared; and for a noble disregard of the emoluments of office, ever preferring the service to the reward, our subject has displayed characteristics which, although notably conspicuous in New-England men, have seldom been more prominently developed than in him. Boston has reason to be proud of this noble citizen," &c.

Instead of feeling grateful for this delicate eulogy Mr. WIGHTMAN perversely regarded it as rubbish. Moreover, instead of finding himself in the company of Mayors, he discovered that he was the only Mayor mentioned in the book, and his hopes of becoming famous were dampened by his difficulty in ascertaining that more than a single copy of his biography had been printed. When, in this dissatisfied state of mind, he received a bill for $581 83, which he was alleged to owe to the New-York and Hartford Publishing Company for "writing a sketch of over 3,000 words, composition, paper, and press-work," with interest on such sum, he indignantly refused to pay it. Suit was brought, and Mr. WIGHTMAN was adjudged to owe only the $92 which he had agreed to pay.

This biographical trap is an old one, and it is not very creditable to Mr. WIGHTMAN'S sagacity that he was caught in it. However, his experience may warn other unsuspecting persons of the true character of the publishing companies which offer immortality at $92, or even at a lower rate. Agents who make these offers ought not to be placed head downward in the ash-barrel on the sidewalk, for such expressions of feeling are technically illegal. Still the human mind is inventive, and it is only necessary that the real nature of the agent's business should be generally known to insure his receiving a welcome from all intelligent men, which will discourage him from the further prosecution of his impudent trade.

AMUSEMENTS.

SATURDAY'S PHILHARMONIC CONCERT.

The concert given by the Philharmonic Society at the Academy of Music, on Saturday evening, was not particularly interesting. Schumann's fourth symphony was, indeed, interpreted, and very respectably played, but Mr. Bergmann's forces were by no means equal to Liszt's symphonic poem, "Ce qu'on entend sur la Montagne," and Beethoven's piano-concerto in E flat was not nearly so effective as it should have been. Miss Julia Rivé, however, whose brilliant and refined style has so often had recognition in these columns that the artist's possession of rare talent need scarcely be reaffirmed, quite carried away the audience in Chopin's rondo in E flat, Opus 16, and her performance of the familiar Rhapsodie Hongroise—No. 2, we believe—was worthy of companionship with her magnificent rendering of the Liszt Concerto on the night of her New-York début. The overture to Cherubini's "Faniska" completed the programme.

BRIEF MENTION.

Mrs. Jane S. Griffin reads at Steinway Hall, this evening.

"She Stoops to Conquer" is to be acted at Wallack's Theatre, to-night.

"Uncle Anthony," a new serio-comic piece, will be brought out at the Eagle Theatre, to-night.

A new burlesque, called "Julius Cæsar," will be made known at the Olympic Theatre, to-night.

"Sharkey, the Shadow Detective," is the title of the drama to be acted at Wood's Museum, this evening.

Mme. Titiens sings in "La Favorita" at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, this evening. The sale of her seats for Friday and Saturday's representations in New-York will commence to-day.

POLITICAL NOTES.

A petition has been presented in the Maryland Legislature praying for the imposition of a dog-tax and the disfranchisement of every owner of a dog who fails to pay the tax.

The Augusta (Ga.) *Constitutionalist* tells Congressman Ben. H. Hill that he "made one of the biggest mistakes of his life when he tried to warm up the old corpse of State aid to railroads."

The Indianapolis *Journal* says that Treasurer NEW is willing to accept the Chairmanship of the Indiana Republican State Committee, and that if it is offered him he will vacate his office at once, and return home to engage in the work of the canvass.

The Republican State Central Committee of this State will meet at the Fifth Avenue Hotel in this City to-morrow for the purpose of preparing the call for the State convention to elect delegates to the national convention at Cincinnati. It is probable that the convention will be held in Syracuse early in April.

Several important State conventions are to be held this week. On Tuesday: Connecticut Greenback, in New-Haven; Indiana Republican, in Indianapolis; Wisconsin Republican, in Madison; Rhode Island Prohibition, in Providence; and the Democratic National Committee meets in Washington to call their National Convention. On Wednesday: Connecticut Democratic, in New-Haven; Ohio Prohibition, in Columbus.

Ex-Senator Harlan has written a letter in which he notes with great satisfaction the wonderful development of the freedmen, saying that during the past ten years no other equal number of people, anywhere on the earth's surface, have made such rapid advancement in knowledge, in civilization, and refinement, and in the acquisition of the means of domestic happiness and comfort.

Chairman Thomas Hardeman, of the Georgia Democratic State Committee, has written a two-column letter defending the action of the committee in not calling a State Convention to elect delegates to the National Convention, and in appointing Gen. Lawton a member of the National Committee. And still the Augusta *Chronicle* refuses to be comforted, and bewails over corruption, dangerous precedents, &c.

Congressman Lamar has written a letter to Mississippi, in which he says that ill-health and a press of business, growing out of the chairmanship of the most laborious and absorbing committee in the House, together with the duties incident to the Chairmanship of the Democratic Caucus, have prevented him from preparing for publication a speech recently delivered by him in Jackson, but that he will try to do it at once.

Congressman Waddell, of North Carolina, has written a letter saying it will be impossible for him to attend the celebration of the Centennial anniversary of the battle of Moore's Creek, but congratulating the people "upon the evidences which are plainly manifesting themselves in all parts of our country of a sincere desire for a restoration of good feeling and general prosperity, notwithstanding the wicked efforts of agitators to keep alive sectional hostility."

Both Houses of the Virginia Legislature have adopted the proposed amendments to the Constitution of that State, and they will accordingly be submitted to the vote of the people next Fall. The amendments reduce the number of members of each House and provide that the members shall be paid a salary and not a per diem, and that the Legislature shall meet biennially instead of annually. The payment of a poll-tax is to be made a prerequisite to the exercise of the right of suffrage, and all persons convicted of petit larceny are to be thereafter disfranchised.

A circular has been issued to the Republicans of the Southern States, calling them in convention, to consider the political situation. The circular attributes the disasters which have overtaken the Southern Republican organizations "to the bad management of the Republican Party in the South," and suggests that if the party is not to be destroyed, it must at once "put an end to the ascendancy of leaders whose unwise, selfish, and corrupt practices have loaded the party down with disgrace and disasters, and threaten its extinction, even in the two States of which it still retains possession."

EXCAVATIONS AT OLYMPIA.

A second report published in the Berlin *Imperial Gazette* on the progress of the discoveries at Olympia, confirms the promises held out a few weeks ago. It is observed that the excavations on either side of the temple prove that the objects sought for all lie in a stratum of black earth below the sandy surface, which varies from six to fourteen feet in thickness. The foundation of the statue of Victory has been laid bare, and found to be of a triangular form in five blocks. Pieces of bronze were lying about and the statue is supposed to have had a girdle of that metal. The statue of Neptune in a reclining posture, with the cheek resting on the right hand; and, though the arms are broken, the head is as perfect as when it left the sculptor. About it also are found fragments of bronze, some of them partly gilded, and apparently forming pieces of a shield. The third figure before reported as found, and supposed to be Jupiter's right-hand charioteer, proves to be in splendid order. A torso found near more recently than the date of the first report, of a man in similar attitude, is at present supposed to be that of the other charioteer, aiding on the left side to restrain the coursers that drew the chariot. These discoveries all belong to the excavations on the east side of the temple. Those on the west side have as yet resulted only in the discovery of part of the statue of a man engaged in combat, supposed to be one of the Lapithæ. But the colossal image, mentioned in the former report as lying partly under a male torso, has now been disinterred, and proves to be a female figure in two fragments, remarkably resembling the Vesta of Justinian, but more finely executed. It is unfortunately as yet incomplete. Lastly, it is mentioned that the western excavations have produced some square bronze plates of various thicknesses, each marked with an image of lightning and the name of Zeus, which are at present taken to be the standard Greek weights of different numbers of drachmas, beginning from fifteen and going upward to thirty, sixty, and so on.

THE FINE ARTS.

SOME NEW PICTURES.

AN EXTENSIVE COLLECTION AT THE GOUPIL GALLERY—WORKS BY SCHREYER, ANDREAS ACHENBACH, MERLE, MADRAZO, &C.—DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NOTES.

"The Attack," by Adolf Schreyer, representing a charge of Arab horsemen, who, with fierce and eager faces, are swooping down upon the enemy, is a remarkably strong and spirited work. Horse and man are animated by the same sentiment. No mercy may be expected from the dark fellow on the white horse, who appears to be the leader. His hand grasps his short sabre too firmly, and his hard, thin face is too cruel for that. The tumultuous hurry and confusion of a charge of irregular horse, where each man is for himself, and where the bold rider strives to be first and the coward to screen himself by dropping to the rear, are expressed with no ordinary power. The glimpse of surrounding scenery that the artist gives us, with its dark pools, sunburned rocks, and clouds of sand flying in the distance, leads us away to Eastern lands, and we feel that such a soil alone could nurture such fierce and hard-visaged men. Schreyer possesses in a very marked degree the power of depicting entirely antagonistic scenes—the burning sands and parched atmosphere of the great desert and its environs; and the dark, cold depths of the Wallachian forest, with its atmosphere that seems perpetually charged with a snow-storm in embryo. He is equally successful in painting the sleek and fiery Arabian courser and the overworked, half-starved and ragged-coated Wallachian post horse. To such scene and each animal he gives the expression peculiar to itself, and it is hard to say in which class of subjects he excels. The picture now on view is executed with all that breadth and coldness—it might almost be said audacity—of touch that distinguishes this artist's work. Another very important composition of a great master, Andreas Achenbach, represents a German village scene at evening, with its mill, cottages, and church, and a drove of cattle returning home from the pasture. The wonderful fidelity with which each object is portrayed, the skill with which the broad masses of light and shade are disposed, the strong relief which is obtained without any sacrifice of truth, and the sentiment of peace and quiet which pervades the whole, render this a more than usually striking work. It is comparatively seldom that pictures of this matter are offered for sale, and certainly no finer example of his style than this has recently been seen here. Merle is always charming, in spite of an occasional coldness and even deficiency of color. This defect, however, is certainly not perceptible in the work now on view—a study of a little peasant girl, with rosy cheeks and abundant golden curls, in a delightful state of exemption from comb and brush. The half-shy, half-saucy expression of childhood has been happily portrayed. Leon Escosura, who is winning golden opinions in England, for the skill and fidelity with which he portrays the interiors of those ancient palatial mansions that yet preserve their antique furniture and costly tapestry, has a fine representation of his style, in which an old gentleman of Falstaffian proportions is enjoying the discomfiture of a party of young ladies whose favorite parrot has taken to the utterance of words unfit to enter "the soft labyrinth of a lady's ear." The story is well told, and the accessories of silks and velvets, massive furniture, polished floors and gilded cornices, are painted with unusual care and great purity and brilliancy of color. Dagnan, who is unequaled in portraying objects of earth, an art which, though not approaching the highest class, requires a nicety of touch and feeling for color which even great artists do not sometimes possess, is brilliantly represented. Among the cattle painters, Van Marcke and Volta hold an enviable position. Totally different in style, each has his special admirers. If Volta's work shows the most careful finish, Van Marcke's surpasses it in strength and in breadth of touch. Both are close students of nature, and in the compositions of both the landscapes are painted with as much skill as the cattle. In the present work of Volta the landscape is unusually good.

From Madrazo and painters of the Spanish-Roman school, including several works by artists whose names are not familiar to American picture-buyers, several specimens of more than ordinary merit will shortly be placed on view.

From artists of our own school there are several good examples. Mr. W. T. Richards, of Philadelphia, whose eternal sea-shores with their shimmering sands and softly-rolling waves had become somewhat wearisome, has a charming woodland scene, with tender gradations of color and light and shade, crisp and carefully-studied foliage, rocks which have some solidity about them, and water with motion in it. The solitude and mystery of the Summer woods is a theme that many artists attempt unsuccessfully. Mr. Richards has succeeded in his efforts to give them due expression. From Miss C. W. Conant, a pupil of Carl Huber, there is a small painting entitled "The Charity Scholar"—a young girl, with a good and pleasant face, reading the Bible to an old peasant woman, who is eagerly drinking in the words of life. The contrast between the reader and the listener is happily expressed; the drawing and color are good, and the composition as a whole shows marked improvement on Miss Conant's previous efforts.

In water colors the gallery is more than usually rich. Vibert, Indoni, Detaille, Agrasot, Simonetti, Jiminez, Peralta, Bianchi, Comte-Calix, and other artists of lesser note, being well represented. A small gallery has now been devoted entirely to this popular class of art, and although the question as to whether the importers or the American Society of Painters in Water Colors gave birth to the growing taste among our art patrons for pictures in water color seems to be undecided, here certainly, by our own artists, much may be learned in the way of composition, color, and technique.

NOTES.

The line engraving of Church's "Niagara," just introduced by Goupil & Co., is attracting much attention.

The Water-color Exhibition will close on the 26th inst. The Spring Exhibition of the Academy of Design will open on the 28th of March.

Piloty has been engaged to fresco the Rathhaus at Munich. He will introduce therein 300 portraits of citizens of the Bavarian capital.

According to the *Journal de Liége*, a gigantic exhibition of the most celebrated of Rubens' pictures will take place at Antwerp next year in celebration of the centenary of the master.

It is stated that Mr. Wilson Macdonald's offer to supply all our public schools with a bust of Washington has been declined. Whether the objection is to the subject or the artist we are not informed.

An International Fine Arts Exhibition is to be held at Brussels in 1880. It is intended to have it of a retrospective character, and to make it represent the artistic movement of the whole world since the last London Exhibition.

The Berlin Museum bought some years ago in Jerusalem, for about twenty-eight thousand thalers, some Moabite antiquities, the age of which was pretended to amount to 2,500 years. It has turned out now that these monuments are not genuine.

A Fine Arts University has just been founded at Jeddo in Japan, and the Government has sent to Italy

CONNECTICUT POLITICS.

THE APPROACHING CONVENTIONS.

THE INFLATION ELEMENT AMONG THE DEMOCRATS—THE PROBABLE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR—THEIR QUALIFICATIONS.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HARTFORD, Saturday, Feb. 19, 1875.

The campaign in Connecticut will have a formal opening next week. Two political conventions are to be held at New-Haven. On Tuesday the "soft-money" men will meet for consultation, but whether to decide finally upon running a separate ticket, or merely to lay down a platform or take such action as may be designed to forestall the proceedings of the Democratic Convention, which meets on the following day, does not appear. It is probable, however, that there will be such a declaration of principles as will leave the party free to unite with the Democrats, or to go it alone if no satisfaction is obtained from the natural allies of the movement. It is very certain that the inflation element within the Democratic organization is a troublesome one. The major part of the delegates chosen to represent New-Haven in the party convention on Wednesday are avowedly inflationists. This is conceded by the local Democratic organ, the *Register*, whose apology, however, is that the caucus was overwhelmed by numbers, and did not represent the voice of the New-Haven Democracy either in the selection of candidates or in the passage of a resolution indorsing the movement to repeal the Resumption act. There are evidences in the articles of the purely Democratic organs that the repeal of that act may be a subject of consideration in the platform. Senator Eaton, for example, who has made a "hard-money" speech in the Senate, did not hesitate when last here to say that the Democracy might safely favor repeal, if it was not its duty to do so—taking the same position that the "party" at Washington has lately been discussing. Congressman Landers, who voted not to repeal, is also weak now, and stands as a partisan with the majority of his colleagues. But it does not seem possible that the party in Connecticut will dare to take this position before the people, and yet it has so often shown itself to be the creature of expedients that any shift will be consistent. How wondrously changed will be the platform of the party, if it takes into it the step toward inflation this year, may be seen by a reading of the following from the platform of last year:

"That the use of bad money imposes an unequal and dishonest tax, which bears most heavily on those who work for wages; that irredeemable paper currency, by whatever name known, is bad money, and that it is a fraud in time of peace for the Government to make anything a legal tender except gold and silver coin of a fixed standard; and that the Republican Party has proved itself unfit to rule because with unlimited opportunity it has failed to make the money which it has forced upon the people equal to the good money with which it pays its bondholders."

Elected upon this platform, Gov. Ingersoll, in his inaugural message said:

"Regarding, as I have heretofore had occasion to say, the provision of a sound currency as the very first step to be taken in the direction of permanent prosperity, I hope for a beneficial influence from the Congressional legislation of the last session, so far as it commits the Government to the policy of resuming specie payments by a fixed day, however remote."

Now there is no question as to the renomination of the Governor and of the old ticket entire; but can Mr. Ingersoll himself afford to place himself upon a platform which shall be less in harmony with the principles he professes than the platform of last year? That the party threatens his position, and that he himself is in danger of compromise, are two things that hang together just at this moment. We shall see in a few days how the crisis is reached and passed.

Since the last letter in this correspondence, the situation as to the probable candidates for Governor on the Republican side has materially changed by the withdrawal of several gentlemen whose names were mentioned. As the field clears, however, and fewer candidates are named, the tendency is to a broader view of the whole question. Where narrow prejudices of locality or personal preference controlled before, men are looking for men or meritorious principles, and are fast seeing that the minority position of the Republican Party to-day demands an extra quality in leadership in order to recover lost ground. This has always been clear enough to many, but some have not seemed to admit it, because of holding to candidates of small stature whose very acceptance before the people would be a lamentable confession of weakness. In this part of the State especial gratification has been felt by the announcement that the Republicans of Waterbury had decided to present to the convention the name of their townsman, Hon. Frederick J. Kingsbury, who is not only the manager of one of the largest manufacturing establishments in that city, but is a gentleman of scholarly tastes, and devotes much of his time to literary pursuits. He was graduated at Yale in 1846. Never active in politics, yet he has served with credit as a legislator, and when in the Legislature has held an influential position. Whether Mr. Kingsbury will accept or not I do not know, but infer that he will from the action taken, though it is true of him that he never sought an office in his life. Another candidate, of whose acceptance, it is said, there is no doubt, is ex-Gov. Minor, of Stamford, and should his friends make an effort in his behalf, he would, of course, become a conspicuous candidate. He was Governor of the State during the American Party period, and displayed marked ability as an executive officer. Under President Lincoln he represented this Government at Havana, and later was elected a Judge of the Superior Court of the State, but resigned after his candidacy for Congress in the Fourth District against Congressman Barnum, who was elected. Since then he has run once for the State Senate, and came near being elected in a Democratic district. I think of no other prominent candidate now, excepting Hon. Orville H. Platt, of Meriden, and he can hardly be called prominent, as his friends have made no special effort for him. He is an exceptionally able and good man—a fine lawyer and a sterling man. Either of these gentlemen would make a worthy candidate, and placing either at the head of the ticket would put a necessity upon the convention to exercise great care in the selection of candidates for subordinate positions, which is the very thing that it should do in this juncture of Connecticut politics. With a strong ticket its success might not be certain, though promising, this Spring, yet its triumph in the Fall would be almost absolutely insured; but, being strong and inspiring confidence now, it would give the Republicans the Legislature and a United States Senator, and would place the party in splendid condition for the Presidential campaign. There is no discontent in any section, but a feeling of determination to work if the convention will supply an incentive; and, while the Republicans who have not abandoned the party will gather renewed zeal, the effect of a strong ticket would be to bring back those who have wandered, excepting those comparatively few who, as "Liberal Republicans," train under Democratic banners, because in that camp they have their reward, though it be weak gruel, in petty official places.

TREASURY LEAKS.

A SUGGESTION FOR MR. RANDALL—SAVING AT THE SPIGOT AND WASTING AT THE BUNGHOLE.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

While Mr. Randall, with the Appropriation Committee at his back, is busily engaged in reducing the expenses of the Government by cutting down the salaries of the clerks and other officers to starvation limits, would it not be a good plan for him to turn his economical eyes toward the great and real leaks in the National Treasury? The other day I picked up a copy of the *Congressional Record* and glanced over the list of bills introduced. It happened to be "bill day," when, under the call of States, members introduce bills, public and private. The title of a bill caught my eye, "for the improvement of the Harbor of Cohasset," introduced, I think, by Mr. Harris. I set to work to ascertain how many similar bills were introduced under the call of States on that particular Monday, and below is the list:

1. For the improvement of Cohasset Harbor, Massachusetts.
2. For the improvement of Harlem River and Spuyten Duyvil Creek, New-York.
3. For the improvement of Dan River, between Clarksville, Va., and Danbary, N. C., appropriating $10,000 therefor.
4. For the improvement of the Louisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, from Piketon, Ky., to the mouth of the Dismal Swamp, Virginia.
5. For the improvement of the Atchafalaya River, Louisiana.
6. For the improvement of the Ouachita River, Louisiana.
7. For the improvement of the Cumberland River, from Nashville, Tenn., to Burkesville, Ky.
8. For the improvement of the Illinois River.
9. For establishing and maintaining a Zoological Park in the District of Columbia.
10. For establishing a breakwater at San Luis Obispo, Cal.
11. For the improvement of the Altamaha and Ocmulgee Rivers, in Georgia.
12. For the improvement of the Yellow River, Georgia.
13. For the improvement of the Yazoo and Sunflower Rivers, Mississippi.

I have no hesitation in saying, and I speak advisedly, that, with the exception of the Harlem Improvement bill and the bill for the breakwater at San Luis Obispo, each and every one of the above bills is, in our present indigent circumstances, a fraud on the community, and should receive the condemnation of every honest member when it comes to be voted upon. Let us look at the list and see if I am right or wrong.

No. 1. Cohasset Harbor. For the benefit of those who have never heard of this place, let me state that it is a small harbor in the south-western part of Boston Bay, and a large portion of its channel is dry at low tide. This channel is also narrow, crooked, full of rocks, and has a depth of eight feet at low tides for about one-third of its length, and beyond that about one foot. At its head is a small village called Cohasset, whose coastwise trade consists of fish, a little coal, lumber, and bricks, and perhaps some "garden sass," and whose navy is a fleet of cat-boats and small fishing vessels. It seems that this important harbor needs "improvement." So it does; it could not be much worse than it is; but I submit that times like these are not the times for squandering money on such a place.

No. 2.—Harlem River and Spuyten Duyvil Creek, New-York. These two small and narrow streams separate Manhattan Island from the mainland, and from part of the water-front of the City of New-York. Any action that Congress may take, therefore, looking to an improvement of those streams, or of any other portion of New-York harbor, will be likely to be indorsed by the people, as the benefits to the General Government must necessarily be sufficiently large to repay the outlay.

Nos. 3 to 8.—Dan River, Louisa Fork of Big Sandy River, Atchafalaya, Ouachita, (pronounced Washitaw,) Cumberland, and Illinois Rivers. Now, how many persons know where all of these streams are, and how many ever heard of the first two? Let us see. "The Dan" is a small, muddy branch of the Roanoke, (itself an unimportant stream flowing into Albemarle Sound,) and traverses parts of the southern portion of Virginia and the northern part of North Carolina. I am sure I do not know what commerce it has; but I don't believe it ever had any or ever will have, even if millions are spent upon it.

But what shall we say of the Louisa? It is a small branch of the Big Sandy—itself a fork of the Ohio—and together they peacefully meander among the verdant fields and swelling uplands of the "dark and bloody ground," until finally the Louisa finds its way to the base of the dividing ridge in Virginia, and after that we could wish to hear no more of it. Now, why do they wish to "improve" the Louisa? Heaven and the people who got up the bill alone know! Of the Atchafalaya, the Ouachita, the Cumberland, and the Illinois I have little to say. The first two are in Louisiana, the former emptying into the Gulf of Mexico, about one hundred and twenty-five miles to the westward of the Mississippi, and I should think it might be safely entered from the Gulf by a boat drawing four or five feet of water. Do they need "improvement," and I trust that when it has been improved Mr. Darrall will bring in another bill for the improvement of the Gulf of Mexico outside of the mouth of the river, for in 1870 I could not get nearer to the shore than a mile in a vessel drawing only seven feet. To be sure, from what I saw of the country as far as I went, I didn't want to get any nearer.

The Ouachita I only know as a branch of the Black River, emptying into that river about one hundred and eighty miles above New-Orleans, and navigable for flat-bottomed steam-boats drawing four feet. I should say it wanted improvement badly; and if they could fill it up it would be well.

The Cumberland branch of the Ohio, and is, I believe, of considerable importance to the people of Kentucky and Tennessee. Nashville slum bers upon its banks; and I presume there is some trade (in flat-bottomed vessels) on its waters; but I shouldn't care to ban out very heavily on the "Cumberland" until our national debt is disposed of, and taxes reduced fifty per centum.

About the Illinois River I don't know anything, and don't want to. Only I don't want to appropriate any more money to improve it. It is good enough, what there is of it, and there is enough of it, such as it is. They ask only $120,000, and that is but a month. Eighty-two thousand dollars was spent last year, and if it is found difficult to appropriate $120,000 this year let Mr. Randall reduce the salaries a little more.

Next, Mr. Editor, we come to No. 9, A "Zoo"—a real Zoo—just like the Britishers have had these many years. And why shouldn't we have one? I see a palatial edifice surrounded by lovely gardens designed by Clark, A. C., (which is Architect of the Capitol,) and done "brown" by contractors. Let us have the Zoo by all means. What matters the cost?—a mere bagatelle.

What next? San Luis Obispo, on the coast of California, wants a breakwater, so as to make a harbor of its hundreds of inhabitants. It don't presume to call itself a harbor—being a mere dimple in the coast, and it has no protection against the wind from seaward. So it petitions for a breakwater, that distressed mariners may find shelter on that otherwise shelterless coast. No reasonable being will object to the passage of that bill.

Nos. 11 to 13.—Altamaha, Ocmulgee, and Yellow Rivers of Georgia. The Altamaha empties into Altamaha Sound, about sixty miles to the southward of Savannah, and has the small village of Darien at its mouth. The Ocmulgee is a branch of the Altamaha, leaving the latter at or near the small settlement of Lumber City, (at the junction of Appling, Telfair, Montgomery, and Coffee Counties,) and flowing thence to Macon, in the centre of the State, a little over one hundred miles distant. There is deep water in the Altamaha for some distance above its mouth, and its banks are lined with rice plantations; but there is little or no other traffic. To appropriate money for the improvement of its channel above Darien, or for the improvement of the Ocmulgee at all, would, in our present indigent circumstances, be absolute robbery.

But, it this be true of the Altamaha and Ocmulgee, what shall be said of the Yellow River? This latter is an insignificant stream—certainly one of the branches of the Ocmulgee—and flows through Newton, Rockdale, and Gwinnett Counties, in the northern part of the State. I looked for it in vain upon the map, for it was not deemed worthy of a name, and I was finally obliged to go to a Gazetteer for information. Think of "improving" that river! So with the Yazoo and Sunflower—the last on the list of this day's raids upon the Treasury. The Yazoo is well known as the large and important though somewhat crooked stream flowing into the Mississippi at Vicksburg, and the Sunflower is a much smaller river which leaves the Mississippi at Horse-shoe Bend, and, this document to the contrary notwithstanding, to the southward, through what is known as Sunflower County. No doubt certain benefits would accrue to the people of Mississippi by the widening or deepening of the channels in those rivers; but it is preposterous to suppose that sufficient advantage to the community at large would be gained to justify the General Government in appropriating one dollar for that purpose. If the people of Mississippi are to be benefited, let the State Legislature appropriate the necessary funds; and no doubt the United States Government will furnish skilled engineers to superintend the work. My own opinion is that those rivers will run dry before any such action is taken by any individual State.

But perhaps many will say, "These bills have not been passed, but only introduced, and no doubt the Appropriation Committee will report against them, and they will fail." Possibly. But if any person will take the trouble to examine the reports of the "Chief of Engineers" of the United States Army, he will find that "the half has not been told him" in this article. Last year alone over fourteen millions of dollars were appropriated for the improvement of rivers and harbors, and of this sum very large portions were spent on unimportant inland streams and sea-coast harbors, where commerce not only never has been, but never will go. Over $125,000 has been spent already upon the Illinois River, an interior stream, and $120,000 additional is asked for this year. Twenty thousand dollars has been wasted on the small, crooked, and shallow river of Wareham, in Massachusetts, to get a depth of nine feet at low tide; $65,000 on Cocheco River, in New-Hampshire, and they want this year $30,000 more, in order to get a depth of four feet at low tide! One hundred and twenty thousand dollars has been spent on Merrimac River, which has at its mouth, in Ipswich Bay, a shifting sandbar, over which only four feet can be taken at low tide, and they ask for nearly $30,000 more this year. It has but one town upon its banks—Newburyport—and that died before I was born. Thirty thousand dollars has been spent on the insignificant little harbor of Camden, on Penobscot Bay—the resort of a few fishing vessels and lime sloops; and $30,000 in "improving" the Falls of Sullivan River, an arm of Frenchman's Bay, in Maine, leading up to the small hamlet of Franklin. It cost, as I see by the report of the Engineer Bureau, $5,000 to blow out one rock, so as to get a depth of seven feet at low tide, and, after all this is done, who goes there? The neighborhood is almost an unbroken wilderness; the settlements few, poor, and exceedingly small, and the mass of the country covered with dense forests. There is almost no coastwise trade. Yet the sum of $30,000 has already been spent—thrown away rather—upon this insignificant stream, which has no name upon any but the largest maps. Let any one examine the large county maps if he doubts the above statements.

But why continue? I could multiply instances almost to infinity, but it is useless. Any one can search the records and see for himself. If we are going to try economy by way of a change, let us begin retrenchment at the "big leaks," and look to the smaller ones afterward. And a leak of $14,000,000 per annum is no small leak on

HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1876.

WASHINGTON SOCIAL LIFE.

ENTERTAINMENTS OF THE WEEK.

REVIVAL OF THE "MESCHIANZA" AT BALTIMORE—THE BALL OF THE HAYTI MINISTER—THE YALE BOYS—THE MONUMENT IN HONOR OF WASHINGTON—AN INCIDENT OF JACKSON'S TIME.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Feb. 19, 1876.

Quite a delegation of gentlemen and ladies went over to Baltimore on Tuesday to witness an amateur continental exhibition at the Academy of Music for charitable purposes. The first and principal part of the entertainment was a revival of that famous fête, the "Meschianza," originally gotten up at Philadelphia during its occupation by the British troops under the superintendence of the ill-fated Major André. The second tier of the theatre was divided into ten compartments, bearing respectively the escutcheons of Great Britain, France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Russia, Germany, Spain, Turkey, and Brazil. It was expected that the diplomatic representatives of those powers here would have attended, and in each compartment were a number of ladies and gentlemen wearing the national costume of the country designated. But Baron Blanc, the Italian Minister, was the only diplomat there, although the Consuls at Baltimore represented their nations. Secretary and Mrs. Robeson, Gen. McClellan, with his wife and daughter, Miss Mildred Lee, and other notables occupied the vacant seats. The curtain rose upon a ball-room scene, with fifty ladies dressed in white satin, with powdered hair, grouped around tea tables arranged at the sides. Soon there was a flourish of trumpets and then, to the tune of "God Save the King," in marched fifty gentlemen, some wearing British uniforms, and others arrayed as Knights in costumes of velvet and satin. After having made the circuit of the stage the gentlemen halted, each before a designated lady, to whom he knelt while she gave him a ribbon favor. The "Gavotte" was then danced, and through the windows at the back of the scene there was visible a display of fire-works, as at Philadelphia in 1778. At that festival real powder was burned, now colored glass and calcium lights were ingeniously used as an imitation, and there was no danger of fire. Then there was a "Martha Washington drawing-room," with antique costumes and furniture, and a hundred and fifty gentlemen and ladies, nearly all of them descended from revolutionary ancestors. Mr. Lloyd Rogers personated President Washington and Mrs. Tucker Carroll Mrs. Washington. Many of the costumes worn were magnificent, and the effect when the "Minuet" was danced, under the strong light of calcium lenses, was very fine. Afterward there was dancing in the music hall of the Academy, with such a supper as can only be found in Baltimore, so far as terrapin and oysters are concerned.

The social event of the week here was the ball given on Wednesday night by Mr. Stephen Preston, the Minister Plenipotentiary from Hayti, who resides in Second avenue, New-York, but passes the gay season here. This year he has occupied the Johnson House, one of the appendages of the Arlington Hotel, and on this occasion it was decorated with flowers, arranged with artistic grace. Mrs. W. A. Budd, of New-York, aided Mrs. Preston in receiving her guests, many of whom were connected with the Diplomatic Corps. The display of toilets and of diamonds exceeded in beauty and in value any ever seen here.

On Thursday evening Sir Edward and Lady Thornton were "at home" to the Diplomatic Corps at the British Legation, and for the first time their daughters aided their mother in receiving her guests. The Japanese Minister has also given a reception, with an excellent supper, and, if one might judge of the ultimate effect of his good cheer by the manner in which the Congressmen present enjoyed it, the passage of the bill repaying the indemnity fund may be safely predicted. Evening receptions have also been given at the residences of Hon. John L. Cadwalader, the First Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Ellesha Riggs, and Mr. Dubant, and at several of the hotels there have been dances, at which all the varied phases of Washington society were represented.

A "German" given last night, at Marini's Hall, by the "Ladies' Leap-Year German Club," was a novel and agreeable affair. It originated a few weeks since at an accidental meeting of the young misses who have enjoyed the Germans which have been given by the "Bachelors" and the "Army and Navy" Clubs, and they determined to reciprocate. A meeting was called at the residence of the Postmaster General of, which his daughter was elected President, and committees of the young ladies made the arrangements and invited the gentlemen. No gentleman was allowed to enter the hall last night unless escorted by a *chaperone*, who presented him in due form to Secretary Belknap, who "received." After a couple of hours had been spent in dancing round and square dances, the German was commenced at 11, Miss Lizzie Porter and Miss Ella Ray leading. The favors were distributed by Secretaries Fish and Robeson, and before midnight the ladies found that it was not so pleasant to play the gallant, after all. The wicked young gentlemen had provided themselves with lace handkerchiefs, which they would provokingly drop, and their partners had to pick them up. Then the provoking fellows had to be fanned, and supplied with seats, and given glasses of water, and—more than all—fed. It was not an easy task for a lady-partner to obtain ices or jellies at a crowded table, and take them to the man of her choice, and when she reached the seat where she had left him, it was perhaps vacant. Other "Germans" have been given—by the Bachelor Club, at which Mr. Laston and Miss Howell led, and by Mrs. Gen. Birney, at which Miss Lugenbeel and Mr. Goldsborough led. There have also been afternoon dances at the receptions of Mrs. Gen. Ward, Mrs. Walter Cox, and Mrs. Ross Ray.

The afternoon receptions have been numerously attended. Every one who comes here wishes to take the opportunity for calling on Mr. George Bancroft. The historian is "in his seventy-sixth year, yet does not appear to be over fifty, and Mrs. Bancroft is one of the rare representatives of the ladies of the past generation. His house contains many rare works of art, besides the valuable library and other literary treasures.

Mrs. Fish was assisted at her last reception by two of her daughters, Mrs. Benjamin and Miss Edith Fish. Mrs. Waite was prevented from receiving by indisposition, but her daughter supplied her place. The weekly receptions at the Navy-yard grow more delightful as Spring advances, and those of Mrs. Zeilin, at the Marine Barracks, are always pleasant.

To-day there was a crush at the White House, where Mrs. Potter Palmer assisted her sister, Mrs. Col. Grant, in receiving, and Gen. Sheridan was one of the "lions." From the White House many drove out to Brentwood, where Mrs. Carlisle Patterson and her daughter had their usual Saturday afternoon dancing reception. The delightful Spring weather made it very enjoyable.

The Yale Alumni Association enjoyed its third annual banquet on Wednesday evening at Willard's Hotel, Hon. Peter Parker presiding. Every one present was sorry that Mr. Evarts could not be among them, as had been expected, but there was no lack of distinguished speakers among the Alumni present. *N'importe.* They talked over old times with Chief Justice Waite, Justices Strong and Swayne, Attorney General Pierrepont, Senator Dawes, Representatives Chittenden and Crapo, and others, "in authority;" sang college songs, and drank health and long life to their Alma Mater until after 2 o'clock in the morning. One of the graduates of Yale present, Mr. William Hemphill Jones, now Deputy Controller of the Treasury, is the man to whom Gen. Dix telegraphed: "If any one attempts to haul down the American flag shoot him on the spot." The order was grand, but it becomes almost ridiculous when you see the amiable gentleman to whom it was sent, and imagine him receiving it, alone and unarmed, as a Treasury Clerk sent to New-Orleans on public business, and surrounded by an infuriated mob. Never was a man more powerless to obey an order.

While wine is to be seen at every dinner-table here, there is very little drunkenness, and such a sad sight as a tipsy Congressman is never witnessed. Five and twenty years ago we could not visit the Capitol without seeing Senators and Representatives more or less fuddled, and liquors were openly sold at two bars in the basement; but now there hardly seems to be any necessity for the Congressional Temperance Society, which good Dr. Chickering is to reorganize to-morrow night. At the preliminary meeting there were only enough present to take the various offices.

Washington's Birthday will not be well kept in the City which he founded, and which bears his name, but there will be great doings at Alexandria, where the *Pater Patriæ* used to attend the balls given on his own birthnight. The Fifth Regiment of the Maryland National Guard, which is the crack military organization of Baltimore, will march to the White House and give the President a marching salute as they pass through the city on their way to Alexandria, and there is to be a meeting of the survivors of the Mexican war here.

Those interested in the completion of the Washington National Monument had hoped that Congress would have made an appropriation ere this, so that work on the shaft could have been resumed on the 22d inst., and the cap stone laid on the 4th of July. But some speculative architects and artists have conceived a new idea about this unfinished structure, and as *Col. Sellers* would say, "There's millions in it." Oblivious of the fact that it really belongs to the American people, who have subscribed and paid every dollar thus far expended, these speculators want to take it down, stone by stone, and to re-erect it in the form of a triumphant arch, near some lots that they think will thereby be benefited. The way in which this movement has been managed, or rather mismanaged, is bad enough, but the Freemasons are now quietly raising the funds to complete it if Congress won't make the necessary appropriation, and the country should be spared the humiliating confession that it could not erect a monument to Washington, and had to abandon it, and to have it pulled down. To transform it into an arch will cost three times as much as it would cost to complete the shaft, and the quicker that can be done the better.

I see reprinted a song entitled "Johnson's Wife of Louisiana," with a note stating that it was addressed to the wife of Col. Richard M. Johnson, who was Vice President under Van Buren. This is not so. The song, which is a parody on "Roy's Wife of Aldavalloch," was written by a South Carolina Congressman named Davis, in compliment to the wife of Senator Henry Johnson, a leading Louisiana Whig before the war. This Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Florida White, (as she was called,) and Mrs. Williams, (formerly Mrs. Douglas,) are regarded by old stagers as the most beautiful women that have ever graced society here. Mr. Davis, who wrote the parody, was very witty, and was an ardent supporter of John C. Calhoun. When President Jackson issued his famous proclamation against nullification, as it began to exhibit itself in South Carolina, Mr. Davis reviewed the document in a public speech, and ridiculed the author unmercifully, saying, among other things: "If Old Hickory must be amused, now that he is in his dotage, let us give him a te-to-tum." Some one sent a report of the speech to Gen. Jackson, who was very angry when he read this portion of it, and exclaimed: "I will make a te-to-tum of his traitorous head, the scoundrel!"

Only one week more of the gay season of 1876 remains, and that will be a festive one.

PROSELYTISM IN ROME.

WONDERFUL CONVERSIONS—A GRATEFUL CHURCH—THE LATEST CLERICAL SCANDAL.

The Roman correspondent of the London *Daily News* writes to that journal on Jan. 23: "The Church of St. Andrea delle Fratte is attractive for many things—for its tombs of defunct artists, and its *chefs-d'œuvre* of surviving ones—but chiefly for the miracle wrought 'within the memory of men still living,' the anniversary of which was celebrated with much pomp on Thursday last. M. Ratisbonne, (so runs the Récit d'une Sœur,)—a Jew belonging to a wealthy Alsatian family, happening to be in Rome, strolled one day into the Church of St. Andrea della Fratte while preparations were going on for the funeral obsequies of M. De la Ferronay. In that hour he was converted. He found himself opposite a chapel dedicated to the guardian angel, when all at once the Blessed Virgin appeared from it in a vision of light, and beckoned him to come toward that chapel. A resistless force drew him on; he fell on his knees, and in another moment he was a Christian. The miracle is narrated with more minuteness of detail in the Count de Bussières's work, published in 1846, entitled, *Un Figliuol di Maria, ossia un Nuovo nostro Fratello*, ("A Son of Mary, or a new Brother of ours;") and its importance is attested by the grand celebration of its annual recurrence, when the church is draped in red velvet and festooned with artificial flowers, while the pealing organ accompanies the full-voiced choir in rendering the noble strains of Palestrina. And, indeed, for a Jew to be converted at all, especially in Rome, where his race has suffered more cruelty than anywhere in Christendom, is such a miraculous event that we can hardly wonder at its perennial solemnization by the Church.

But miracle is a rather uncertain auxiliary for the Romish proselytizer, and he has recourse to other means which, if more prosaic, are equally effective, and certainly much more fruitful. Not many days before the yearly thanksgiving for the salvation of M. Ratisbonne's soul, there occurred another conversion which does credit at least to the generosity of the shepherds of the faithful. Signor Ettore Rolli, Professor of botany at the Sapienza, a distinguished pharmacist, a Common Councilman, Vice President of the Pharmaceutical College, and member of a host of scientific and literary bodies, who had made himself rather notorious for his apostasy from Romanism and his outspoken skepticism, was rather suddenly, and Roman society, in which he was a conspicuous figure, is startled by the announcement in the pontifical papers that his death was edifying and Christian, and that after a solemn retractation of his heresies he expired in the kiss of the Lord, fortified by all the comforts of the Catholic religion.' The *Voce della Verità* was particularly demonstrative in its jubilation over this brand plucked from the burning, and under the heading of 'Lodevole ritrattazione,' it narrated how Monsignor Tizzani at the urgent request of the dying professor, hurried to his bedside, and received from his lips a solemn repudiation of all his heretical doctrines, and an equally solemn adhesion to the Catholic faith. The document in which this confession was embodied, and which Prof. Rolli was too ill to sign, ran in this form, according to the *Voce della Verità*: 'In the name of God—So be it. I, Hector Rolli, declare that I am a Catholic, and that I adjure any doctrine whatever which is contrary to that enjoined on us by our Holy Mother the Catholic Church, recanting every act contrary whether to the doctrines or to the dispensations of this, our Holy Church. And all this I declare before the subjoined witnesses, I being unable, through my malady, to sign this my declaration of faith, &c., Rome, this 6th day of January, 1876. (Signed,) V. Archbishop of Nisibi (Tizzani.) Here follow the signatures of the other witnesses.' Prof. Rolli's attitude toward Catholicism had been before so overtly hostile that the astonishment raised by this document was universal, Monsignor Tizzani noticing the fact that he was too ill to hold the pen, and recollecting that Monsignor Tizzani had been stone-blind for twenty years, they were naturally curious to know who were the co-signatories to the confession. To this curiosity, loudly expressed by all the Liberal journals, the *Voce della Verità* and *Il Osservatore Romano* replied by jeering at anti-Catholic unbelief, till, on Saturday morning, out came the *Opinione* with the following letter:

THE RETRACTATION OF PROF. ROLLI

To the Editor:

SIR: I read in your esteemed journal that, under the title 'Laudable Retractation,' the *Voce della Verità* has narrated that my lamented principal, Prof. Ettore Rolli, had made an abjuration into the hands of Monsignor Tizzani. The undersigned, who desire to rectify a fact which, with consummate astuteness, is attempted to be ascribed to our beloved principal, beg you, Sir, to have the goodness to insert in your journal the following: Never before or during his illness did Prof. Rolli make requisition for any priest whatever. We, the undersigned, however, desiring to free ourselves from any responsibility in religious matters, thought fit to ask the advice of a Professor of our University as to what steps we should take. He was of opinion that some one should be called in, and we at once thought of Mgr. Tizzani, a friend of the deceased. The Monsignor came twice. On the first occasion, having found the patient in full possession of his faculties, he restricted himself to a merely amicable visit. On the second occasion, having found him a prey to the wildest delirium, which had supervened a few hours before, he drew from his pocket a paper already written, and having put to the patient sundry questions without obtaining an answer, and awaiting himself of that instant of confusion and pain, he surprised the undersigned and constrained them to affix their signs-so manual to that paper, saying that if they did not do they would be seriously compromised—nay, ruined forever. This, Sir, is the plain unvarnished story, and as our honesty imperatively forbids us to open a controversy over a grave hardly closed with such a print as the *Voce della Verità*, we stop at this point, satisfied that we have said neither more nor less than the truth.

Confident of the insertion of this communication, we beg to thank you, and to remain, &c.

ERCOLE SCALA,
ANGELO CARROZZI.

ROME, 20th Jan.

To this letter the *Voce della Verità* has really no reply to make. It prints the document, but after a few sneering doubts as to the honesty of its signatories, it retires with a vague threat that it may return to the charge. Meanwhile, there is no accusation of a mercenary kind brought against the zealous Mgr. Tizzani. The 400,000 francs which Prof. Rolli left behind him has, with the exception of a few family legacies, been bequeathed to the University and to the cause of popular education generally. His funeral was a public one. The national colors, draped in mourning, were hoisted over the University half-mast high, and the Senatus Academicus, with the members of the other scientific and civic bodies to which the deceased belonged, accompanied his remains to their last resting-place in the Basilica di S. Lorenzo, beyond the walls."

GEN. GORDON'S SPEECH.

THE REPUBLICANS ARRAIGNED.

THE TERRIBLE CONDITIONS THE NORTH HAS IMPOSED UPON THE SOUTH—TOOMBS' SPEECH CONDEMNED.

It was telegraphed all over the North that Senator Gordon's speech before the members of the Legislature of Georgia at Atlanta on Monday night was a model of moderation, widely different from that previously delivered before the same body by Gen. Robert Toombs. The Atlanta *Constitution* of Friday prints a full report of the speech, carefully revised, and how justly it merits the encomiums bestowed upon it by Democratic correspondents and newspapers, the following extracts will show. Speaking of the "*post bellum* persecutions" of the South, Gen. Gordon, (and he is not very far away from Gen. Toombs in sentiment, and expressed himself in not much gentler language,) said:

"What course was adopted in reference to us by the party in power? Did they say these people are more interested in good government, in peace between the races, in the good order of society, in the enforcement of the laws and the perpetuity of local government, and we will intrust to them the delicate but gigantic task of laying anew the foundations of their governments within the purview of the Constitution and the legitimate results of war? Such a course was the only possible one consistent with the spirit of our institutions or with common sense. But what did they do? They sent their own agents to do this delicate work for us, or rather for themselves. Who were these agents? They were strangers, they were adventurers, they were camp-followers, they were plunderers, they were ruthless harpies, they were *ossifragoneous* vultures, gathering in their filthy talons the débris of battle and the spoils of conquest! [Applause.] They were vultures ready to fly at the approach of danger, yet, when their victims were helpless and manacled, driving their bloody beaks into the writhing forms of these prostrate States. Such was the statesmanship of this party in the reorganization of these governments, and if that as an argument against their competency. What else? As if to furnish a fitting climax to their past blunders, and to heap madness upon folly, they struck down their own greatest leaders, the Nestors of their party, whenever they gave evidence of statesmanship. Among those who were guillotined because of their wisdom were Lyman Trumbull of Illinois, Carl Schurz of Missouri, and Horace Greeley of New-York! [Applause.] These, I repeat, were among their ablest and best men. Yet they struck them down the very moment they proposed any constitutional measures toward the South, or a restraint upon their power. For myself I have great respect for such men as those I have named, come from what party they may. All honor to Schurz, to Trumbull, and to Greeley, who, with the forecast of statesmen and the courage of patriots, sought to restore concord to the sections, and the Constitution to its supremacy, and went down fighting the enemies of both. [Loud applause.]

So much for their former record. What now are they doing? The experiments have been tried, the test cases have been submitted to the courts, and the judgment rendered and proclaimed to the world. Experience pours its flood of light upon the record. From a bed of ruins, from the slimy pools of corruption into which the emissaries of that party had dragged these plundered States, every one of them that has been rescued from the hands of these harpies is at peace. Harmony reigns between the races, the laws are enforced, Government is honestly administered, schools are supported for both races and the school fund is not stolen. [Laughter and cheers.] They find every one of them which are in the hands of our own people on the high road of progress, and with a prosperity equal at least with many of their favored Northern sisters. With these facts before them, do they say to us, 'Well done, good and faithful servants, enter into the joys of your great deliverence?' No, Sirs. With these horrid experiences still fresh in the memory of our people, with the smoke of their torments from some of these sin-cursed Governments forced upon the South still rising to heaven, we are startled by the propositions contained in two series of resolutions introduced by the Senator from Indiana. What are they? One series in substance declares that this is not a Government of free and independent States. They declare in substance that the States bear the same relations to the Federal Government that the counties bear to the States. If adopted they practically obliterate State lines and convert this Federal Government into a consolidated empire. Let them be sanctioned by the people; let this fissure be once made in the constitutional bulwark, and if that any party in power, like the floods of the Mississippi through a crevasse in the levee, will rush through and continue to widen the breach and finally carry local government and liberty before them. [Great applause.] The other series of resolutions offered by the same Senator contemplates the appointment of a committee by the Senate to investigate the last popular election in the State of Mississippi. * * * How does the Senator seek to demonstrate that the United States Senate has such a power? What are his arguments? They are these: The last election in Mississippi must and can lawfully be investigated, because you want in Georgia a constitutional convention and a dog law!

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I come now to the second charge; that the party which rules the country is a party of corruption. On this point little need be said. From the days of old Rome to this hour, through all history, civilized and barbaric, there never has appeared, in any country or any century, such seething heaps of corruption as have been piled up by their agents in these Southern States. They were the worst Governments upon earth. There is scarcely a Governor whom they put in power who is not now either a fugitive from outraged law, or impeached by the judgment of the country. There is scarcely a Legislature which was not notoriously purchasable. There is scarcely a Judge in some of these wretched Governments who has not mocked justice and shamed the ermine upon his shoulders, while not a few have been convicted of gross frauds and embezzlements. This is true in Louisiana, from the Chief Justice down; and in Mississippi and South Carolina that lawyer ought to be stricken from the bar as an imbecile who would expect a decision in accordance with the law. [Great laughter.] But why talk about corruptions in these Southern Governments? Look elsewhere!—look everywhere! Pollution—pollution is left wherever that party makes its track. Look at Credit Mobilier, the gigantic railroad swindles, the Pacific Railroad, the Whiskey Ring, the Indian frauds, the Washington City Government Rings, the Sanborn contracts, and the endless schemes and jobs to rob the Treasury. Look at the colossal frauds of the 'Whisky Ring,' which, as I shall in a few days show to the Senate and the country, exceed in the magnitude of their proportions the peculations of all these corrupt Governments of the South. [Applause.] The 'Whisky Ring'—holding in its polluted embrace, not only officers of the Government and collectors of the revenue, but those high in the confidence of our rulers! Look, finally, at the widespread demoralization among the whole people consequent upon the demoralizing example of demoralized rulers. Look at all this, fellow countrymen, and tell me if under any administration of this or any other country official embezzlements were ever so common, official honesty and integrity were ever so rare or corruption so rife? I do not say it from any prejudice, nor as a partisan, but I do say, and that with a full realization of its truth, with as profound a regret as I am capable of feeling, and with a love of my country broad as its wide expanse, that the very reputation or republican government is imperiled, if its existence is not endangered, by such a state of public affairs.

We come now to the third general charge—that this party has been and still is actuated in legislation toward the South by a spirit of tyranny. What is tyranny? Tyranny is usurpation. The usurpation of powers not recognized by law, which override law, and place in jeopardy the rights of person and property. Let me now apply this definition to the acts of the Republican Party. They waged the war upon the one ground that no State had the right to

THE STATE OF TRADE.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Flour dull. Wheat in fair demand; higher; No. 1 Spring, $1 10; No. 2 do., $1 03, spot; $1 00⅝ March; $1 00⅝, April; $1 04⅜, May; No. 3 do., 89c; rejected, 71c. Corn in fair demand; lower; No. 2 Mixed, 42¾c, spot; 42¾c bid, March; 43¾c bid, April; rejected, 35c. Oats, fair demand; higher; No. 2, 33½@33¾c, spot; 32½c, asked, March; rejected, 27c. Barley firmer; held higher at 63¾c, spot; 63c, March. Rye—Demand light; holders firm. Dressed Hogs scarce and firm at $6 50@$6 75. Pork irregular; sales at $21 40, spot; $21 40@$21 42½, March; $21 67½@$21 70, April. Lard unsettled and lower, at $12 85, spot; $12 82½@$12 85, March; $13, April. Bulk Meats steady and firm. Whisky, $1 06. Receipts—9,000 bbls. Flour, 39,000 bushels Wheat, 68,000 bushels Corn, 31,000 bushels Oats, 14,000 bushels Barley, 3,000 bushels Rye. Shipments—8,000 bbls. Flour, 10,000 bushels Wheat, 47,000 bushels Corn, 23,000 bushels Oats, 12,000 bushels Barley.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 19.—Flour steady and firm for medium extras at $4 50@$5 12½. Wheat dull; No. 2 Red Winter, $1 51¾@$1 51¾; No. 3 do., $1 36¼ bid. Corn active and higher. No. 2 Mixed, 39c@39½c., the latter for strictly fresh. Oats firm at 35c., cash; 35¾c., April. Barley dull, unchanged. Rye steady, unchanged. Pork easier at $22 25@$22 50. Lard firmer at 12¾c. Bulk Meats firmer; some sales higher; Shoulders, 8¼c.@8¾c.; Clear Rib and Clear Sides, 11¾c.@11¾c. and 12c. Bacon higher; Shoulders, 9¼c.@9¾c.; Clear Rib and Clear Sides, 12¾c.@12¾c. and 13c.@13¼c.; Short Rib Middles, 13c. March. Live Hogs strong, higher; Yorkers, $7 75@$8; Packing, $7 90@$8 20; Extra, $8 40@$8 45. Cattle stronger, owing to light receipts; quotations unchanged. Receipts—3,000 bbls. Flour, 22,000 bushels Wheat, 72,000 bushels Corn; 20,000 bushels Oats, 4,000 bushels Barley, 1,000 bushels Rye, 1,700 head Hogs, 215 head Cattle.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 19.—Flour quiet; unchanged. Wheat quiet but firm at $1 20@$1 30. Corn quiet but firm at 42c.@44c. Oats inactive at 37c.@43c. Barley dull; unchanged. Rye quiet; unchanged. Pork firm; fair demand at $22 37½ cash; $22 75 bid, buyer April. Lard dull; holders anxious to realize; Steam $12 90 at interior points; $12 92½ here; Kettle, 13¾c.@14c. Bulk Meats firm; in fair demand; shoulders, 8¾c; Clear Rib Sides, 11¾c., cash; 12c., buyer March; 12¼c., buyer April; Clear Sides, 12¾c. Bacon firm; fair demand; Shoulders, 9½c.; Clear Rib and Clear Sides, 12¾c.@13c. Live Hogs active; quality inferior; light shipping, $7 75@$8 20; packing, $8 10@$8 30; heavy, $8 35@$8 40; receipts, 635 head; shipments, 790 head; total slaughtered since Nov. 1, 529,775 head, against 510,453 head same time last year. Whisky in good demand at full prices; sales at $1 05. Butter firm; unchanged.

BUFFALO, Feb. 19.—Receipts—Flour, 5,200 bbls., Wheat, 21,000 bushels; Corn, 56,000 bushels; Oats, 26,000 bushels; Barley, 3,500 bushels. Shipments—Flour, 5,200 bbls.; Wheat, 35,000 bushels; Corn, 63,500 bushels; Oats, 26,000 bushels; Barley, 1,500 bushels. Flour quiet and steady. Wheat—Fair milling demand; firm; sales 10,500 bushels Wisconsin at $1 32½; 10,000 bushels Amber Michigan, $1 30. Corn dull in consequence of embargo; sales, 5 cars new, privately; quoted at 48c.@52c., according to quality. Oats inactive. Rye neglected. Barley quiet and heavy; sales, 2,000 bushels Canadian at $1; Two-rowed State, 92c.; 2,000 bushels four-rowed State, 75c., all on track. Peas and Beans dull. Malt quiet. Pork firm at $22 for heavy Mess. Lard higher at 13¾c.@14c. Highwines nominally $1 09.

TOLEDO, Feb. 19.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat steady and firm; No. 2 White Wabash, $1 40; No. 2 Amber Michigan, $1 34; No. 2 do., $1 31¼; Extra White Michigan, $1 30; Amber Michigan, $1 26; March, $1 26¼; May, $1 32; No. 2 do., $1 05½; No. 2 Red Winter, $1 26. Corn dull; High Mixed held at 47c., and May held at 48c.; No. 2, 50½c. bid; no trade, 44½c. Oats steady and firm; No. 2 and Michigan, 36c. Clover-seed, $7 90. Hogs, $8 85. Receipts—100 bbls. Flour, 10,000 bushels Wheat, 8,000 bushels Corn, 2,000 bushels Oats. Shipments—700 bbls. Flour, 2,000 bushels Wheat, 15,000 bushels Corn, 2,000 bushels Oats.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 19.—Flour dull, unchanged. Wheat quiet but firm at $1 10@$1 25. Corn quiet but firm at 44c.@45c. Oats quiet but firm at 37c.@42c. Rye dull and nominal at 75c. Provisions very firm; upward tendency. Pork, $22 50@$23. Bulk Meats—Shoulders, 8½c; Clear Rib and Clear Sides, 12c. and 12¼c. Bacon—Shoulders, 9½c.; Clear Rib and Clear Sides, 13c. and 13¼c. Hams, 14c.@14½c. Lard—Tierce, 14½c.; Keg, 15c. Whisky quiet, but steady, at $1 05. Bagging quiet but firm at 12c.@13c.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 19.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat opened firm, ½c. higher; closed firm; No. 1 Milwaukee, $1 09¾; hard do., $1 13½; No. 2 do., $1 01¾; March, $1 02¾; April, $1 03¾; May, $1 07¾; No. 3 do., 89½c. Corn shade firmer; No. 2, 43½c.@44c. Oats steady; fair demand; No. 2, 33c. Barley steady; No. 2 Spring, cash and March, 62½c.; No. 3 do., 60c.; rejected do., 52c. Rye firmer; No. 2, 68c. Provisions firm, unchanged. Receipts—7,000 bbls. Flour, 40,000 bushels Wheat. Shipments—13,000 bbls. Flour, 13,000 bushels Wheat.

OSWEGO, Feb. 19.—Flour unchanged; sales, 1,200 bbls. Wheat quiet; No. 1 Milwaukee Club at $1 20; No. 1 White Michigan, $1 45; Amber White Michigan, $1 55. Corn steady; New Western Mixed, 65c. Barley dull; sales, 2,000 bushels No. 1 Canada at $1 18. Corn-meal, $20 for Bolted, $25 for Unbolted, ₱ ton. Millfeed—Shipstuff, $17@$18; Shipsuff, $17@$18; $20@$22; Middlings, $20 10@$22, ₱ ton. Railroad Freights—Flour, to Boston, 50c.; to New-York, 40c.; to Albany, 30c.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 900 head; market quiet and unchanged; extreme range, $3@$5 40; medium to good, $4@$4 50; choice, $5@$5 15; extra, $5 40; shipments, 2,800 head. Hogs—Receipts, 9,000 head; market slow; Packers, $7 85@$8 55; Butchers, $8@$8 10; Shippers, $8 25@$8 55; Philadelphians, $8 75; shipments, 3,800 head. Sheep—Receipts, 1,800 head; market dull; declining; common to choice, $4 25@$5 75.

NEW-ORLEANS, Feb. 19.—Corn lower at 58c.@60c. Oats easier; choice Gaions, 45c. Pork firmer; $22 75@$23. Bacon firmer; Shoulders, 10c; Clear Rib and Clear Sides, 13¼c. The market for old crop articles is unchanged. Exchange—New-York Sight, ¾ premium; Sterling, bank, $5 53@5 53½. Gold, 113½.

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

At the Exchange Saturday, Feb. 19, under a Supreme Court foreclosure order, Peter B. Olney, Esq., Referee, Lespinasse & Friedman sold the four-story, French-flat, brown-stone front building, with lot 20 by 100.11, on East One Hundred and Seventeenth street, south side, 175 feet east of Fourth avenue, for $8,000, to Simon Stiner. Also, a similar house, with lot 20 by 100.11, on East One Hundred and Seventeenth street, adjoining the above, for $8,025, to the same buyer.

The following foreclosure sales were postponed: Sale by E. H. Ludlow & Co., of the premises No. 275 Fourth avenue, south of Twenty-second street, adjourned to March 18; also the premises No. 110 East Seventy-eighth street, east of Fourth avenue, adjourned to March 2, and sale of lots on Fifth avenue and One Hundred and Ninth street, adjourned to March 4.

The total value of City real estate sold at the Exchange for the week ending with Saturday, Feb. 19, was $339,227, as against $460,400, the figures for the previous week.

THIS WEEK'S AUCTIONS.

The sales noticed to take place this week, at the Exchange, unless otherwise noted, are as follows:

To-day, (Monday,) Feb. 21.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, N. Jarvis, Jr., Esq., Referee, of the building, with lease of plot 102.5 by 122.2 by 98.9 by 95, in Broadway, south-east corner of Twenty-second street, known as the Park Theatre.

By E. H. Ludlow & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, C. H. Hildreth, Esq., Referee, of one three-story brick store, with lot 24.8 by 42.2 by 25 by 46.1, No. 7 Centre Market place, east side, about 170 feet south of Broome street.

By E. A. Lawrence & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, E. D. Gale, Esq., Referee, of two houses, with lots 25 by 85, on Eighth avenue, west side, 25.5 feet north of Fifty-fifth street.

By Winans & Davies, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, George P. Smith, Esq., Referee, of one plot of land, 77.9 by 75, on First avenue, north-west corner of Seventy-third street; also, one lot, 25 by 75, on East Seventy-third street, north side, 75 feet west of First avenue.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Thomas H. Landon, Esq., Referee, of the house, with lot 25 by 102.9, on East Seventy-sixth street, south side, 205 feet west of Second avenue.

By R. V. Harnett, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, E. T. Freeman, Esq., Referee, of one four-story and basement brown-stone front house, with plot 102.9 by 100, on Madison avenue, south-west corner of Seventy-seventh street. Also, a similar sale, Henry R. Beekman, Esq., Referee, of the house, with lot 25.9 by 100, on Fifth avenue, west side, 77.5 feet north of Thirteenth street, and the house, with lot 25 by 103.3, on West Thirteenth street, north side, 100 feet west of Fifth avenue.

Wednesday, Feb. 23.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Alexander Cameron, Esq., Referee, of the building, with plot 40 by 75 by 20 by 25 by 20 by 50, on Duane street, north side, 100 feet east of Broadway. Also, similar sale, Nathaniel Jarvis, Jr., Esq., Referee, of the house, with lot 20.10 by 100, on Madison avenue, east side, 25 feet south of Forty-third street. Also, Supreme Court partition sale, same Referee, of two three-story frame, one two-story and basement brick, two two-story frame, and one one-story brick buildings, with plot 49.11 by 75.3, Nos. 25 and 27 Stanton street, south-east corner of Chrystie street. Also, two two-story and basement brick houses, with lots each 16.6 by 75, Nos. 29 and 31 Stanton street, adjoining above, and one three-story brick house, with lot 17.9 by 75.3, No. 33 Stanton street, adjoining above, and one three-story brick house, with lot 24.5 by 100, Nos. 33½ and 35 Stanton street, adjoining above. Also, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, A. H. Wallis, Esq., Referee, of the house, with lot 21.5 by 100.5, on West Fifty-eighth street, north side, 483½ feet west of Eighth avenue. Also, similar sale, W. H. De Camp, Esq., Referee, of the house, with lot 20 by 102.2 by 40 by 20 by 20 by 82½, on Lexington avenue, north-west corner of Seventy-ninth street.

By Peter F. Mayer, Supreme Court partition sale, George Gallagher, Esq., Referee, of a three-story and basement brick store and dwelling, with lot 26 by 83.6 by 25 by 90.6, on Third avenue, east side, 51.11 feet north of One Hundred and Twenty-third street, Morrisania, Twenty-third Ward.

By William Kennelly, foreclosure sale, by order of the Court of Common Pleas, S. H. Olin, Esq., Referee, of one lot, 20 by 75, on Fourth avenue, north-west corner of One Hundred and Thirty-second street; also, one lot, 20 by 70, on Fourth avenue, west side, 40 feet north of One Hundred and Thirty-second street, and one lot 19.11 by 75, on Fourth avenue, west side, 80 feet north of One Hundred and Thirty-second street.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co., foreclosure sale, by order of the Court of Common Pleas, F. W. Loew, Esq., Referee, of two houses, with lots each 25 by 100.5, on West Fifty-third street, south side, 150 feet west of Sixth avenue.

By H. R. Herts & Son, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, J. F. Leschinsen, Esq., Referee of the house, with lot 16.8 by 98.9, on East Twenty-third street, north side, 375 feet west of First avenue.

By H. W. Coates, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, B. E. McCafferty, Esq., Referee, of the two houses, with lots each 25 by 100, on Second avenue, west side, 50.5 feet north of Forty-fifth street.

By R. V. Harnett, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, C. Edgerton, Esq., Referee, of a three-story and basement brick house, with lot 21 by 79.9, on East Thirteenth street, south side, 224 feet east of Fifth avenue.

By E. A. Lawrence & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, E. D. Gale, Esq., Referee, of one plot of land, 108.4 by 286 by 105 by 314.7, on Sedgwick avenue, east side, extends to Ridge avenue, 186.6 feet north of One Hundred and Fifth street, Morrisania, Twenty-third Ward.

By Blackwell, Riker & Wilkins, Executor's sale, estate of John Raynor, deceased, of a two-story, attic, and basement frame dwelling, with lot 25 by 100.11, No. 319 East One Hundred and Seventeenth street, north side, 250 feet east of Second avenue, and a building and stable, with lot 25.7 by 108.3, on Third avenue, south-west corner One Hundred and Twentieth street. Also, auction sale of a three-story brick house, with lot 20 by 100.5, No. 320 West Fifty-first street, south side, 260 feet west of Eighth avenue.

Thursday, Feb. 24.

By A. H. Muller & Son, auction sale of the three-story marble-front house, with lot 25 by 137.6, No. 714 Broadway, east side, 198.4 feet north of Fourth street. Also, the five three-story brick stores and dwellings, with lots each 20 by 100, on Ninth avenue, south-east corner Forty-fourth street, and one three-story brick dwelling-house, with lot 25 by 32.9 by 25.9 by 25.6, No. 127 West Thirty-second street.

By E. H. Ludlow & Co., Executrix's sale, of two two-story attic and basement brick houses, with lots each 25 by 100, Nos. 133 and 135 Greene street, west side, about 195 feet south of West Houston street, and the plot (six lots) 125.5 by 125 on Fourth avenue, north-east corner of East Seventieth street.

By Blackwell, Riker & Wilkins, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Charles Hildreth, Esq., Referee, of a plot of land, 76.9 by 100.5 by 105 by 97.9, on West Fiftieth street, south side, about 550 feet west of Tenth avenue; also, a plot of land, 47.6 by 100.5 by 205 by 190.2, on West Forty-ninth street, north side, 392.6 feet east of Eleventh avenue, and one gore lot, 51.6 by 34.11, on West Forty-ninth street, north side, 250 feet east of Eleventh avenue.

By V. K. Stevenson, Jr., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, George S. Sedgwick, Esq., Referee, of the house, with lot 20.6 by 60, No. 222 Wooster street, east side, 141 feet south of Amity street.

By R. V. Coates, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, William Sinclair, Esq., Referee, of a plot of land, 102.2 by 102.1, on Boulevard, north-west corner of Eightieth street.

By R. V. Harnett, foreclosure sale, by order of the Court of Common Pleas, R. M. Henry, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 20 by 100.8, on East Ninety-third street, south side, 260 feet east of Third avenue; also, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, John Haya, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 16.8 by 102.9, on East Seventy-fifth street, south side, 200 feet west of Avenue A, and similar sale, C. T. Middlebrook, Esq., Referee, of ten lots, each 25 by 100.11, on West One Hundred and Eleventh street, south side, 75 feet east of Eleventh avenue, (as widened.)

Friday, Feb. 25.

By A. H. Muller & Son, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, George P. Smith, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 33.3 by —, 86.3 by 25 by 72.9, No. 487½ Pearl street, south side, 21 feet west of City Hall place.

By Peter F. Meyer, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, A. B. Tappen, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 17.11 by 100.11, on East One Hundred and Twenty-first street, north side, 225 feet west of Avenue A; also, similar sale, same Referee, of a house, with lot 16.8 by 100.11, on East One Hundred and Twenty-second street, south side, 275 feet west of Avenue A. Also, similar sale, same Referee, of a plot of land 20 by 100.5, on East Seventy-sixth street, north side, 70 feet east of First avenue.

By William Kennelly, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, R. F. Farrell, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 25 by 98.2, on West Twenty-sixth street, north side, 175 feet west of Sixth avenue.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, C. F. Latting, Esq., Referee, of one lot, 25 by 175.6 by 25 by 178.4, on West Fifty-fourth street.

Saturday, Feb. 26.

By R. V. Harnett, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Thomas H. Landon, Esq., Referee, of a house, with lot 24 by 80, on Third avenue, west side, 48 feet south of Fortieth street.

By J. L. Wells, auction sale, on the premises at 3 o'clock, of a frame house, with lot, on Main street, West Farms, Twenty-fourth Ward—formerly the residence of the late Abraham Miller.

EXCHANGE SALES—SATURDAY, FEB. 19.

NEW-YORK.

By Lespinasse & Friedman.

1 four-story French flat brown-stone-front house, with lot, East 117th st. s s., 175 ft. e. of 4th av., lot 20x100.11; Simon Stiner.... $8,000
1 similar house, with lot, East 117th st., adjoining the above, lot 20x100.11; same buyer. 8,025

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

NEW-YORK.

Friday, Feb. 18.

3d av., e. s., 40 ft. w. of 45th st., 19.10x45; Francis C. Barlow, Referee, to Francis S. Foote..... $1,450
29th st., n. s., 144 ft. e. of 7th av., 28x98.9; Jacob Capron and wife to Allen G. Newman.. nom.
105th st., s. s., 100 ft. e. of 4th av., 150x100.11; Joseph L. R. Wood and wife to Louise S. Hoover..... 32,000
Hervey st., n. s., 120 ft. e. of Scammel st., 24x77.7; John A. Goodlett, Referee, to Martha J. Stanisca..... 9,000
75th st., s. s., 100 ft. w. of 4th av., 50x102.2; Joseph Beil and wife to Daniel G. Rollins.. 17,000
62d st., n. s., 159 ft. e. of 4 av., 16x69; Sauisbury L. Bradley and wife to George M. Gill, Trustee..... 15,000
4th av., s. e. corner of 114th st., 18x201.10 to 113th st. x irregular; Patrick B. Bonner and wife to Julius Kelter..... 61,500
Arcularius place, n. s., 95x100, 23d Ward; Louis Bee to Sigismund Beer..... 1,000
West Washington place, n. e. s., No. 56, 322 ft. n. w. of 6th av., 21x97; Robert F. Smith and wife to Henrietta H. Furbush..... 7,500
152d st., n. s., 439 ft. e. of 1st av., 50x36.10x irregular; Dewitt C. Gunsell and wife to Harriet Fudickar..... 64,000
71st st., n. s., 350 ft. w. of 9th av., 20x102.2 George Bay to Edward Watson..... nom.
West Washington place, No. 56, 322 ft. n. w. of 6th av., 22x97; Robert F. Smith and wife to Henrietta H. Furbush..... 7,500
156th st., n. s., 125 ft. e. of 10th av., 50x99.11; Eliza Smith and husband to Abriel B. Mills..... 8,000
86th st., n. s., lot No. 155 and 156 Harlem Commons, between 4th and 5th avs.; Louis M. St. John and wife to L. St. John..... 12,500

LEASES RECORDED.

East Broadway, 10 years; John McCahill to F. Libman..... $2,000
Pearl st., No. 351, s. w. corner of Frankfort st., 5 years, 4 months; Louisa A. Roe and others to George H. Stelnecke..... 1,000
44th st., s. s., 275 ft. e. of 8th av., 20 years; William Astor to George W. Murray..... 1,487

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No. 204 5th av.
No. 178 Madison av.
No. 224 Madison av.
No. 54 West 17th st.
No. 25 West 20th st.
No. 45 East 25th st.
No. 111 East 28th st.
No. 43 West 31st st.
No. 9 West 36th st.
No. 9 East 38th st.
No. 27 West 45th st.
No. 15 East 49th st.
No. 11 West 48th st.

Apply for further particulars and permits by mail or personally at No. 3 Pine st.

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REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

SALE OF WABASH AND ERIE CANAL ITS FRANCHISE AND LANDS.

United States Circuit Court.—District of Indiana.—JONATHAN SHOLTY, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WABASH AND ERIE CANAL.—In Chancery.—Public notice is hereby given, that pursuant to a decree of the Court made in the above entitled cause at the December Term, 1875, we Samuel B. Gookins, Special Master in Chancery, and Thomas Dowling, Resident Trustee, will offer for sale at Public Auction to the highest bidder, on the 24th day of February, 1876, at 10 o'clock A. M., in the Court-house door, in the City of Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana, the Wabash and Erie Canal, with all its appurtenances and franchise, and also the lands and lots, now vested in the defendants, as directed by the said decree.

TERMS OF SALE.

The said canal and lands will be sold on the following terms and conditions: Ten per cent. of the purchase money to be paid in cash, upon the confirmation of the sale by the Court, and the remainder to be paid within one year from that time, with interest at six per cent. per annum, and with approved security; all sales subject to approval by the Court. A detailed description of the property to be sold may be had upon application, either personally or by mail, to Charles Butler, Esquire, No. 12 Wall street, in the City of New-York, or to

S. B. GOOKINS, Special Master in Chancery.
THOMAS DOWLING, Resident Trustee.
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 13, 1876. ja24-law5wM

Wilson H. Blackwell, Auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23,
at 12 M., at Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway,
EXECUTOR'S sale of valuable

3D AV. BUSINESS CORNER,

By order of SAMUEL RAYNOR, Esq., Executor, No. 2,198 3d av., south-west corner of 120th st., now occupied as J. Stiner & Co.'s ten store.

ALSO,

No. 319 East 117th st., desirable two-story basement and attic FAMILY DWELLING-HOUSE.

Also, at the same time and place, No. 320 West 51st st., (No. 10 Mansfield place.) THREE-STORY BRICK PRIVATE RESIDENCE, within one block of the depot of the

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Maps, permits, and further particulars of auctioneers,

BLACKWELL, RIKER & WILKINS,
No. 4 Pine st.

SALE IN BANKRUPTCY.—NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the undersigned Assignee in bankruptcy of the estate of CHARLES L. SNOW and ENOCH RICHARDSON, comprising the late firm of SNOW & RICHARDSON, bankrupts, will sell at public auction at Apalachicola, Fla., on the premises, on the 18th day of March, 1876, at ten o'clock A. M., the one-half interest of said bankrupts in the two mills known as the Curtis Mills, together with all the personal property, to wit: Tug Ida, three barges, tools, &c.; said mills and said personal property being located at Apalachicola.

K. G. BROWN, Assignee,
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UNFURNISHED HOUSES TO RENT.

East 24th st., 3 s., h. s., immediate possession	$2,400
East 69th st., four-story, high-stoop, b. s.	2,500
West 25th st., three-story, high-stoop, brick	1,200
West 58th st., four-story, high-stoop, h. s.	2,000
West 23d st., four-story, English basement	1,800
West 23d st., five-story, English basement	2,000
West 23d st., three-story, high-stoop	1,000
West 20th st., four-story, English basement, h. s.	1,800
West 20th st., four-story, Eng. basement, brick	1,000
West 22d st., four-story, English basement	1,000
West 28th st., four-story, high-stoop, b. s.	1,900
West 28th st., four-story, high-stoop, brick	1,100
West 28th st., three-story, high-stoop, brick	1,600
West 21st st., three-story, high-stoop, brick	2,500
West 32d st., four-story, English basement, b. s.	1,900
West 32d st., four-story, English basement	1,900
West 56th st., four-story, high-stoop, h. s.	1,500
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TO LET—A VERY DESIRABLE PLACE, IN A LARGE town on the line of the New-Jersey Central Railroad, about one hour from New-York. Large and elegant; contains all the modern conveniences. Location elevated and perfectly healthy. Grounds handsomely laid out; shade-trees, plants, conservatory, good garden, plenty of fruit, &c. Stable and carriage-house. Will be rented completely furnished, partly furnished, or unfurnished. Rent reasonable to a good tenant. Address

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W. 22d st., 4 s., h. s., (immediate possession,)..	300 00
W. 34th st., 3 s., h. s., brown stone, May 1.....	150 00
W. 43d st., 3 s., h. s., b. s., (immediate possession,)	108 33
W. 45th st., 4 s., h. s., brown stone.....	117 00
W. 23d st., 5 s., 2 n., b. s., brown stone, May 1..	175 00

JAMES R. EDWARDS,
No. 108 W. 23d st., cor. 6th av., over Moir's.

FOR RENT.—TWO THREE-STORY, HIGH-STOOP houses, $800 each; three four-story, high-stoop, brown-stone, $1,000; two four-story, high-stoop, brown-stone, on Madison av., $1,500, $1,800; five superbly finished and admirably located brown-stone residences, $2,000, $2,500, $3,000, $5,000. Apply at the Office of the North America Life Insurance Company, Nos. 17 and 19 Warren st., or at the office in new block, 60th st., near Madison av. KINGMAN F. PAGE.

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FROM NEW-YORK FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.

JAVA.....WED., Feb. 23 CHINA.....WED., March 9
*ROSSIA...WED., March 1 PARTHIA..WED., March 15

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Cabin passage, $80, $100, and $130, gold, according to accommodation. Return tickets on favorable terms. Steerage tickets to and from all parts of Europe at very low rates. Freight and passage office, No. 4 Bowling green.

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The steamers of this line take the Lane Routes recommended by Lieut. Maury, U. S. N., going south of the Banks on the passage to Queenstown all the year round.

BALTIC.....SATURDAY, Feb. 26, at 6 A. M.
REPUBLIC.....SATURDAY, March 4, at noon
GERMANIC.....SATURDAY, March 11, at 3 P. M.
CELTIC.....SATURDAY, March 18, at 11 A. M.

From White Star Dock, Pier No. 52 North River.

These steamers are uniform in size and unsurpassed in appointments. The saloon, staterooms, smoking and bath rooms are amidships where the noise and motion are least felt, affording a degree of comfort hitherto unattainable at sea.

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LAFAYETTE, Hellard.....Saturday, March 4
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PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD, (including wine,) first cabin, $110 to $120, according to accommodation. Second cabin, $72 third, $40. Return tickets at reduced rates. Steerage, $36. With superior accommodation, including all necessaries without extra charge. Steamers marked thus * do not carry steerage passengers.

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TUESDAY.

Leaving Pier No. 46 North River as follows:

WYOMING.....Feb. 22, at 3 P. M.
IDAHO.....Feb. 29, at 8 A. M.
NEVADA.....March 7, at 3 P. M.
DAKOTA.....March 14, at 8 A. M.
WISCONSIN.....March 21, at 2:30 P. M.
MONTANA.....March 28, at 7 A. M.

RATES FOR PASSENGERS REDUCED.

Steerage, $26; intermediate, $40; cabin, $65 to $80, according to stateroom. Steerage office, No. 29 Broadway. General offices, No. 69 Wall st.

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NEW-YORK TO GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, DUBLIN, BELFAST, AND LONDONDERRY.

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STATE OF INDIANA.....Thursday, Feb. 24
STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.....Thursday, March 9
STATE OF VIRGINIA.....Thursday, March 23

And every alternate Thursday thereafter. First cabin, $70, $80 and $90; return tickets, $120. Second cabin, $40; return tickets, $80. Steerage at lowest rates. Apply to AUSTIN BALDWIN & CO., Agents.

No. 70 Broadway, New-York.

N. B.—On and after March 1 the steam-ships of this line will discharge and load cargo, also, embark passengers at their Pier, No. 42 North River, (Pacific Mail Dock.) foot of Canal st.

Steerage office No. 45 Broadway.

INMAN LINE.

Royal Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

CITY OF RICHMOND.....Saturday, Feb. 26, at 3 P. M.
CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Saturday, March 4, at noon
CITY OF BROOKLYN.....Saturday, March 11, at 3 P. M.
CITY OF MONTREAL.....Saturday, March 18, at 11 A. M.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, March 25, at 3 P. M

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RATES OF PASSAGE.

CABIN.....$60, $80 and $100, gold; return
STERAGE.....$28, currency

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SALLER.....Sat., March 4 | WERRA.....Sat., March 11
HERMANN.....Sat., March 4 | AMERICA.....Sat., March 18

RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK TO SOUTHAMPTON, HAVRE, OR BREMEN:

First cabin.....$100 gold
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Steerage.....30 currency

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ETNA.....March 15.

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CLARIBEL.....March 30.

Superior first-class passenger accommodation.

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GREAT REDUCTION IN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER RATES.

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FOR SAN FRANCISCO, VIA ISTHMUS OF PANAMA.

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Connecting for all CENTRAL AMERICAN and SOUTH PACIFIC PORTS.

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S. S. CITY OF NEW-YORK.....March 1.

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On the 10th and 25th of every month.

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Insurance to destination one-half of one per cent.

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From Piers No. 44 and 47 North River.

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FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

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Cabin passage, $60 and $70, currency. Return tickets at reduced rates. Steerage passage, $26, currency. Prepaid steerage tickets from England, Ireland, and Scotland at the lowest rates. Drafts issued from £1 upward at current rates. Apply at the company's office, No. 69 Broadway.

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NEW-YORK TO GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, OR LONDONDERRY.

Cabin passage, $65, $75, and $80, currency.
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CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Thursday, March 9

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Commencing Dec. 1, 1875.—Leave New-York as follows:

5:30 A. M.—NEWS TRAIN for Easton, Belvidere, Bethlehem, Bath, Allentown, Manch Chunk, Tamaqua, Tamanend, Wilkesbarre, Pottsville, Scranton, &c.

6:15 A. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

7:45 A. M.—Way Train for Flemington and Easton, connects at junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

9:00 A. M.—MORNING EXPRESS, Daily, (except Sundays,) for Easton, Allentown, Harrisburg, and the West. Connects at Easton for Manch Chunk, Tamaqua, Wilkesbarre, Pottsville, Scranton, Danville, Williamsport, &c.

10:15 A. M.—Way Train for Somerville and Flemington.

1 P. M.—EXPRESS for Flemington, Easton, Allentown, Manch Chunk, Tamaqua, Mahanoy City, Hazleton, Wilkesbarre, Reading, Columbia, Lancaster, Ephrata, Pottsville, Harrisburg, &c.

2:45 P. M.—EXPRESS for Easton, Belvidere, Bath, Manch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, and Scranton.

5:30 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

6:00 P. M.—Way Train for Easton, Allentown, and Manch Chunk. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

6:30 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville and Flemington.

6:00 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

5:15 P. M.—EVENING EXPRESS, daily, for Easton, Allentown, Manch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Towanda, Reading, and Harrisburg.

6:30 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

6:00 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

6:30 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

7:00 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

8:30 P. M.—For Easton.

9:30 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

12:00 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

For Elizabeth at 5:30, 6:15, 6:35, 7:00, 7:30, 7:45 8:00, 8:45, 9:00, 9:30, 10:15, 11:15, A. M.; 12:00 M. 12:45, 1:00, 2:00, 2:45, 3:00, 3:30, 3:45, 4:00, 4:15, 4:30 4:45, 5:00, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45, 6:00, 6:15, 6:30, 7:00, 7:40 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:15, 12:00 P. M.

R. E. RICKER, Superintendent and Engineer.

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AND UNITED STATES MAIL ROUTE.

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For Baltimore, Washington, and the South, "Limited Washington Express" of Pullman Parlor Cars, daily, except Sunday, 9:30 A. M.; arrive Washington, 4:10 P. M. Regular at 8:40 A. M., 3 and 9 P. M. Sunday, 4 P. M.

Express for Philadelphia, 7, 7:30, 8:40, 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 3, 4, 4:10, 5, 6, 7, 8:30 9 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 5, 9, 7, 8:30, and 9 P. M. Emigrant and second class, 7 P. M.

For trains to Newark, Elizabeth, Rahway, Princeton, Trenton, Perth Amboy, Flemington, Belvidere and other points, see local schedules at all ticket offices.

Trains leave, from Pittsburg, 6:55 and 10:30 A. M. and 9:20 P. M. daily; 10:15 A. M. and 7:40 P. M. daily, except Monday. From Washington and Baltimore, 6:20 A. M., 4:05, 5:15, and 10:27 P. M.; Sunday, 6:20 A. M., 5 P. M. From Philadelphia, 5:10, 6:20, 7:55, 10:15, 11:20, 11:54 A. M., 2:15, 4:05, 5:15, 6:10, 7:40, 8:44, 9:20, 10:27 P. M.; Sunday, 5:10, 6:20, 6:55, 11:54 A. M., 7:40, 9:20, and 10:27 P. M.

Ticket offices, Nos. 526 and 944 Broadway, No. 1 Astor House, and foot of Desbrosses and Courtlandt sts.; No. 4 Court st., Brooklyn; Nos. 114, 116, and 118 Hudson st., Hoboken. Emigrant ticket office, No. 8 Battery place.

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LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD.

ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS. Dec. 5, 1875.

Leave depots foot of Cortlandt and Desbrosses sts. at 7 A. M.—For Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Manch Chunk, Hazleton, Beaver Meadow, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mount Carmel, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Elmira, &c., connecting with trains for Ithaca, Auburn, Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and the West.

1 P. M.—For Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Manch Chunk, Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Sirenandoah, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Tunkhannock, &c., making close connection for Reading, Pottsville, and Harrisburg.

4 P. M.—For Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, and Manch Chunk, stopping at all stations.

6:30 P. M.—Night Express, daily, for Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Manch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Elmira, &c., connecting with trains for Ithaca, Auburn, Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and the West. Pullman's Palace Cars attached.

8:30 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville and Flemington.

6:00 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

6:30 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

7:00 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

8:30 P. M.—For Easton.

9:30 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

12:00 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

For Elizabeth at 5:30, 6:15, 6:35, 7:00, 7:30, 7:45 8:00, 8:45, 9:00, 9:30, 10:15, 11:15, A. M.; 12:00 M. 12:45, 1:00, 2:00, 2:45, 3:00, 3:30, 3:45, 4:00, 4:15, 4:30 4:45, 5:00, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45, 6:00, 6:15, 6:30, 7:00, 7:40 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:15, 12:00 P. M.

R. E. RICKER, Superintendent and Engineer.

H. P. BALDWIN, General Passenger Agent.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—After Jan. 1, 1876, through trains will leave Grand Central Depot:

8:30 A. M., Chicago and Northern Express, with drawing-room cars through to Rochester.

10:30 A. M., special Chicago Express, with drawing-room cars to Rochester, and Buffalo.

11:00 A. M., Northern and Western Express.

4:00 P. M., Montreal Express, with sleeping cars from New-York to St. Albans, arriving at Montreal 8:50 A. M.

6:00 P. M., Express, with sleeping cars for Watertown and Canandaigua. Also, for Montreal via Plattsburg.

8:00 P. M., Pacific Express, daily, with sleeping cars for Rochester, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Cleveland and Cincinnati; also for Chicago, via both L. S. and M. C. Railroads.

11:00 P. M., Express, with sleeping cars, for Albany and Troy.

Way trains as per local Time Table.

C. H. KENDRICK, General Passenger Agent.

ERIE RAILWAY.

Winter Arrangement of through trains, December, 1875. From Chambers Street Depot. (For 23d st. see note below.)

9:00 A. M., daily, except Sundays, Cincinnati and Chicago Day Express, Drawing-room coaches to Buffalo and sleeping coaches to Cincinnati and Detroit. Sleeping coaches to Chicago.

10:45 A. M., daily, except Sundays, Express Mail for Buffalo and Niagara Falls. Sleeping coach to Buffalo.

7:00 P. M., daily, Pacific Express to the West. Sleeping coaches through to Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Cincinnati, and Chicago without change. Hotel dining coaches to Cleveland and Chicago.

7:00 P. M., except Sundays, Western Emigrant train. Above trains leave Twenty-third Street Ferry at 8:45 and 10:15 A. M., and 6:45 P. M.

For local trains, see time-tables and cards in hotels and depots.

JNO. N. ABBOTT, General Passenger Agent.

NEW-YORK, NEW-HAVEN AND HARTFORD RAILROAD.

After Nov. 29, 1875, trains leave Grand Central Depot (42d st.) for New-Canaan Railroad at 8:03 A. M., 4:00 and 4:40 P. M.; Danbury and Norwalk Railroad at 8:05 A. M., 1:00 and 4:40 P. M.; Naugatuck Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3:00 P. M.; Housatonic Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3:00 P. M.; New-Haven and Northampton Railroad at 8:05 A. M. and 3:00 P. M.; For Newport at 8:05 A. M. and 1 P. M.; Boston and Albany Railroad at 8:05 and 10 A. M., 3 and 9 P. M., (7 P. M. on Sunday;) Boston (via Shore Line) at 1 and 10 P. M., (10 P. M. on Sundays.)

Way trains as per local time tables.

J. T. MOODY, Superintendent-New-York Division.
E. M. REED, Vice President. New-York.

WICKFORD RAILROAD ROUTE TO NEWPORT, R. I.—Passengers for this line take 8:05 A. M. and 1 P. M. express trains from Grand Central Depot, arriving at 4:20 and 8:20 P. M.

THEODORE WARREN, Superintendent.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ORGANIZE THE FRANKLIN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK:

In conformity with a law of the State of New-York, passed the 25th day of June, A. D. 1853, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of fire insurance companies" and the several laws amending the same, the undersigned corporators do hereby declare that we intend to associate and form an incorporated company for the purpose of transacting business of "Insurance," by making insurance on dwelling-houses, stores, and all kinds of buildings, and upon household furniture and other property, against loss or damage by fire and the risks of inland navigation and transportation, to the style of the "Franklin Fire Insurance Company," and located in the City of New-York. Feb. 16, 1876.

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The Farmers' Loan and Trust Company is now receiving First and Second Mortgage Bonds under the Bondholders' Plan, and also revocations of Powers of Attorney given the Palestier Committee.

This plan prevents an unnecessary mortgage ahead of the present first, and only requires a management as economical and efficient as that of the present receiver's to still further advance the value of the bonds.

Bondholders who desire to aid us in protecting this property are requested to deposit their bonds as soon as possible.

A. MAIN, secretary.

FISCAL AGENCY FOR THE STATE OF NEBRASKA.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, LINCOLN, Feb. 3, 1876.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Bank of Kountze Brothers, located at No. 12 Wall st., in the City of New-York, has been designated by the Governor of Nebraska as the fiscal agency of said State, in accordance with the provisions of an "Act providing for an establishment of a fiscal agency in the City of New-York, " " " approved Feb. 25, 1875, and all bonds and coupons of the State, or any county, city, township, precinct, or school district in the State, heretofore issued, or hereafter to be issued, which are by their terms made payable at any particular bank in said City, are hereby made payable at said agency.

J. B. WESTON, Auditor.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 16, 1876.

TO THE HOLDERS OF THE BONDS OF THE CITY OF MOBILE.—The undersigned, Commissioners for funding the debts of the City of Mobile, request persons holding the bonds of said city who are desirous of funding them, to either send them to us at Mobile or leave them with W. H. HAYS, Esq., No. 6 Broad st., New-York, who will receive the bonds for settlement.

R. H. SMITH,
THOMAS ST. JOHN,
W. J. LEDYARD.

OFFICE INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION COMPANY, No. 12 EAST 17TH ST., BETWEEN BROADWAY AND 5TH AV., NEW-YORK, Feb. 19, 1876.

THE PREMIUM ALLOTMENT TO AWARD the redemption value on the 10 series, 1,000 bonds, drawn Jan. 3, will be held at the office of the Company at 5 P. M. on March 6, 1876. Fractions in these series for sale at $5 each, 1/5 for $60, by letter, or in person at the office of the Company, No. 12 East 17th st., and of ALBERT WELLES, No. 67 University place, New-York. Send for circulars.

E. B. POND, Secretary.
JOHN C. ROBINSON, President.

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CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS, CINCINNATI AND INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAY, CLEVELAND, OHIO, Feb. 10, 1876.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this company for the election of Directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the company, in Cleveland, Ohio, on Wednesday, March 1, 1876.

The transfer-books will be closed at the close of business on the 15th inst., and reopened on March 2.

GEO. H. RUSSELL, Secretary.

WOOD & DAVIS,

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OFFICE OF THE HOWARD INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Feb. 17, 1876.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors of this company, held this day, Mr. CHARLES A. HULL was appointed Secretary, and Mr. RICHARD W. CLARK Assistant Secretary, of the company.

SAMUEL T. SKIDMORE, President.

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50,000 BURLINGTON CITY, IOWA, 6 per cent. BONDS, April and October, 1895, 93 and interest.

50,000 CONNECTICUT CENTRAL FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS, 7 per cent, April and October, 1895, 90 and interest.

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DIVIDENDS.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE American Coal Company, of Allegany County, Maryland, have this day declared a dividend of four per cent., payable on the 10th day of March next. The transfer books will be closed from the 25th inst. to the 10th day of March, both inclusive.

M. A. MYERS, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 14, 1876.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT—COUNTY OF NEW-YORK.—The HEBREW BENEVOLENT AND ORPHAN ASYLUM SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, plaintiff, against GEORGE W. NILES, Ellen W. Niles, his wife; Henry A. Lee, Caroline R. House, Elisa E. Demarest, Guy R. Pelton, Harriet E. Butler, Administratrix of Thomas Butler, deceased; Margaret Read, Joseph N. Graves, Charles K. Strong, Receiver of the Atlantic National Bank of New-York; Norman W. Dodge, Titus B. Meigs, George S. Dodge, William S. Dodge, Thomas M. Wyatt, Receiver of George W. Niles; Thomas Read, and Lavinia Schoonmaker, defendants.—Summons for relief, com. not ser.—To the defendants above named, and each of them: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the above-named Court, at his office in the City Hall in the City of New-York, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office, No. 247 Broadway, corner of Murray street, in the City, County, and State of New-York, within twenty days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the said complaint.—Dated New-York, January 6th, 1876.

R. W. TOWNSEND, Plaintiff's Attorney, No. 247 Broadway, New-York City.

The complaint in this action has been filed in the office of the Cl

MOODY AND SANKEY'S WORK

SIX CROWDED SUNDAY MEETINGS.

THREE SERMONS BY MR. MOODY—THE SHINING LIGHTS IN GOD'S FIRMAMENT—PROFESSED CHRISTIANS, BACKSLIDERS, AND UNBELIEVERS SPECIALLY APPEALED TO.

About six thousand people attended the early morning service at the Hippodrome yesterday. Promptly at 8 o'clock the services were opened by the singing of the hymn:

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive the King."

The hymn was followed by a brief prayer by Rev. Dr. Ormiston, and the singing by Mr. Sankey of the solo

"Nothing but leaves! The spirit grieves
Over years of wasted life."

Mr. Moody then read a selection from First Corinthians, third chapter, describing Paul's manner of dealing with weak believers, and also a portion of the fifteenth chapter, descriptive of the resurrection of the dead. At the conclusion of the reading the congregation sang the hymn "Work, for the night is coming." As the last notes died away Mr. Moody rose and read the following text:

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."—Daniel xii. 3.

My friends, the text of my sermon to-day says the wise shall shine. It don't say they "may," but they "shall" shine. That is God's promise. In making this promise He does not mean the worldly wise—those who are famous for their learning or their eloquence. You know that some of the best men in God's eyes have been those on whom the world has looked with contempt and scorn, or have overlooked entirely as too insignificant to be noticed. Those men, though, have been active in God's work, not minding what the world thought of them. It was to these, who had wisdom in directing His work, that God promised that they should shine as the firmament. How suggestive this is to a thoughtful mind—that those whose names should rot in oblivion on earth should shine brilliantly in Heaven! Now, we might as well be honest with ourselves, and confess that we like to shine with glory on earth. Men like to see themselves shine, but I don't propose to speak to you on that topic to-day. You don't need to be stirred at all on that subject. I think it is really the ruin of many that they have this uncontrollable desire to make names for themselves; to stand high in the world's estimation; to be worshiped for their wealth and social position. Why, God did not promise that statesmen or men of science should shine in heaven, unless their loyalty to His cause should make them worthy of the high honor—not unless they endeavored to teach men to love His Son. Why, look at Abraham. He was not a great statesman or a great poet, but he knew God and worked in His cause. See how his name shines—see how it has come down to us undimmed in glory through the lapse of ages. Look, too, at Bunyan—that poor, forsaken drunken tinker of Bedford. See what an influence he has left on the world—an influence that will perpetuate his name forever and ever. Why, my hearers, there is not a little boy or girl in this land that cannot win his or her position among the brightest diadems of God's kingdom if they will but turn their young wisdom toward helping on God's cause. Look again at the widow coming up and putting her two mites in the box. How that story will be told by preachers of all denominations until preachers are no more. Oh, my friends, whatever you do for Christ's name will never be forgotten either. I think men or women must be of a very peevish, disagreeable, repulsing nature, if they could not, by their influence, turn a single soul to Christ, to teach a single soul to love its Redeemer. Oh! how much we could do if we would try; if we would, as Wesley has said, not only all try, but keep always trying. See how Paul's influence lives in sacred history, in the spirit of his Epistles. He had but one aim in life—to save men's souls. I don't believe though that if he had not been thrown into a Roman prison he would ever have penned those Divinely-inspired Epistles. He eased his soul in trouble by writing to his fellow-men trying to teach them how to save their souls. Oh, where stand Alexander, Napoleon, the heroes of the ages, men of the earth, when placed beside this humble prisoner. Oh! what a lesson we should learn from the comparison. What we want in this City is to start our individual efforts at work. If we could only get started I believe we could each win one soul to Christ each day. I remember meeting a man in the streets of Chicago one night. He seemed in trouble, and I tried to comfort him, but he repulsed me every time. He knew me, although I did not know him. He told me to mind my own business and not speak to him. The next day he went to a friend of mine and said: "Do you know that man Moody is doing more harm than any one man in Chicago? You should teach him never to speak to a man without an introduction." Some time after that the stranger I had met had undergone great trouble and became Christianized. He is now founding numerous churches and Sunday-schools in the far West, and is one of the most active workers in Christ's cause. Now, my friends, suppose I saw a blind man about to walk off a pier into the river. Must I wait for an introduction before I warn him of his danger? Oh! my friends, do not wait for an introduction before you begin the work of saving men who are sinking to eternal ruin. Shall we wait with folded arms, and see, while such a harvest is there to gain this City remains ungathered? I remember a very pathetic story—no doubt many of you have read it and enjoyed it as I have—of a little girl in one of the Western States who was told by her Sunday-school teacher that, little as she was, she might be able to save souls. The little one had a drunken father whom she loved, notwithstanding his vice. She thought he might be reformed if he would go to church. So she tried to make him go, and at last, though suffering many repulses, she got him to enter her little log Sunday-school. He heard the Word there and grew ashamed of his vice. He finally reformed, and changed his once almost desolate home into a little paradise on earth. Oh! who can estimate the joy that that little one's work created in heaven. Ah! my friends if we would only work likewise, who knows but we should find a Bunyan among these drunken sinners. They are not all hardened, heartless sinners. Some of them have generous natures, that would respond to our efforts for their salvation. Oh! if we could accomplish such work, if we could turn such souls to righteousness, God has promised that we shall shine as the stars for ever and ever. If we trace the course of a little spring in Summer time, we will find that the little crystal stream as it runs along its pebbly bank is met here and there by other streams, until combined they finally swell into a mighty, irresistible torrent. So, my friends, might we watch the stream of life. We see here a Christian engaged in the saving of men's souls. If we should trace the current still further, we find that impulse increased by the efforts of other Christians until the mighty work swells into a sea of righteousness that sweeps on ceaselessly to eternity. Oh! my hearers, it matters not if the world does not notice your work, or sneers at it if it does notice it. Seek God's grace to lend you strength in your labors, and your reward shall be bountiful hereafter. I really believe that if we should pray for this work the petition would be answered. I tell you when we get right ourselves we can break down all barriers that now enclose the hearts of our fellowmen. We can pour into them the saving word of God. I remember a touching incident that occurred during the Southern yellow-fever epidemic. There was a family of husband and wife and one child, a sweet little boy, who were strangers in the neighborhood in which they were then living. At last the epidemic carried off the boy's father, and the wife had no one to comfort herself or her little one. At last she fell sick too. She knew there was no hope. She knew she was going to die. She took her little darling to her bed and told him when she died that Jesus would protect him. After the funeral the little fellow returned home, but, left alone in the great lonesome house, he grew frightened and ran out into the street. He wandered and wandered until at last he came to the cemetery where his mother was buried. He remembered the spot and sought the grave, and when he found it cried himself to sleep. He slept there until the next morning, and then a stranger who met him asked him curiously what he was doing there. He answered that he was "waiting for Jesus." The stranger's heart was touched when the little orphan told his story, and he said: "I came here to take care of you. Jesus sent me." The little fellow looked up through his tears and said with childlike innocence: "Well, you were a long time coming." Ah! my friends, I'm afraid its that way with many of us professing Christians. "We're a long time coming." We're a long time making up our minds whether we shall begin the work of saving our fellow-men from eternal death. Oh! let us then pray that we may begin this work to-day—this very hour. Let us try and earn the fulfilment of the promise in the text: "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars, for ever and ever." After prayer, benediction was pronounced and the audience dispersed.

THE AFTERNOON SERVICES FOR WOMEN.

The afternoon meeting began at 3 P. M., and was for women only. The main hall was so much crowded that an overflow meeting was also held. The exercises in the main hall were begun by singing the seventy-second hymn, "Take the Name of Jesus with You," after which the hymn "O, Think of a Home over There" was sung with great earnestness. Rev. Dr. Broadus, of South Carolina, followed with prayer, in which he thanked God for all that Christianity had done for women, and for all that women are able to do for the spread of Christianity. "Scatter Seeds of Kindness" was then feelingly sung by Mr. Sankey. The announcements for the present week were then read, and comprised among other things the holding of a meeting on the topic of drinking spirituous liquors, at which two converts reclaimed from habits of intemperance will offer prayer and narrate their experiences. The hymn "Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah" was then sung by the choir and congregation. Mr. Moody, after reading the parable of the Prodigal Son, offered prayer, and was followed by Mr. Sankey, who sang the "Ninety and Nine." The sermon which followed was marked by all of Mr. Moody's peculiarities, and appealed to those present through the medium of the feeling and sympathy naturally engendered by a consideration of the relations of parent and child as affecting each personally. The text was from Genesis iii., 9: "And the Lord God called unto Adam and said unto him, Where art thou?" It was the first question put by God to Adam after his fall, said the speaker, and every woman should be interested in it, because it was Eve who led man astray. For 6,000 years this text has been rolling down the ages. The question propounded is one of the most solemn in the Word of God. We should ask ourselves the question; we should ask ourselves whether we are hypocrites. There were three classes of persons present whom the speaker desired to reach. The first class are those who profess to be Christians. The question, "Where are we?" he would ask of them. Is it a mere empty profession we have? Are we building up His cause and His kingdom? Can you point to-day to one soul you have led to Christ, or one that you have made better and purer? We must either be a great blessing or a great curse. Those who do Him most injury are those who profess Christ, but do not follow Him. If there is any reality in the religion of Jesus Christ, let us show it in our lives. The speaker appealed to those present who were mothers to help in the work. One good, praying mother can do more, said he, than all the volumes ever written. The second class the speaker appealed to were those who—to use his language—had once tasted of the love of God, but who have gone back to the world. Oh, how I pity the backslider, said the speaker. Their backsliding means ruin to their children. What made you leave God, backslider? You left Him without a cause. You can give no reason for your going away from Him. Come right back the way you went out, and He will receive you gladly and welcome you. He will forgive your backsliding and bind up your broken heart. You, mothers, who have sons that have left you and gone to evil ways, wouldn't you receive them back and welcome them if they came, and if you forgive your sons, don't you think that God will forgive His children? The third class addressed by the speaker were such as were not Christians. Such should not look upon the failings of Christians. That would not help them on the judgment day, when all must stand for themselves. They should ask themselves the question, "Where am I?" and turn to God. Adam had no better friend, even after his fall, than God. It was a great deal better to be out of Eden with Christ than to be in it as Adam was.

Prayers, silent and outspoken, followed, and when the call was made for such to rise as desired to be remembered in prayer, about two hundred stood up. The closing prayer was a brief but fervent exhortation that such as were not touched by the songs or sermon might be touched by the Holy Ghost. The inquiry rooms were thronged after the services. William E. Dodge presided over the overflow meeting, which was very well attended. Rev. Dr. Mills and others made addresses.

THE EVENING MEETINGS.

Three meetings were held at the Hippodrome last evening. The main meeting, for men only, in the large hall, was remarkably well attended, and was, perhaps, more than usually noteworthy on account of the earnestness which seemed to prevail throughout the whole of the services. After the singing of several hymns prayer was offered. Mr. Sankey followed with singing the hymn, "Only an armor-bearer." Before beginning this he read from the first chapter of Samuel, to show the meaning and import of the hymn. Mr. Moody's sermon was similar to that preached by him at the women's meeting in the afternoon. After reading the parable of the Prodigal Son, which seemed a part of the discourse from the frequent references made to it, Mr. Sankey offered a prayer asking God's blessing on his singing of the "Ninety and Nine," which he asked might be made a means of bringing many a prodigal son to the fold, and whose truths he supplicated might find lodgment in many a heart. He then sang the hymn, accompanying himself on the organ. Mr. Moody, in the course of his remarks, narrated an incident which occurred after the women's meeting during the afternoon. A lady went into the inquiry-room where he was and said she did not believe she had a soul any more than a dog had. He asked her whether she thought she would die like a dog, and she responded, "Yes, I suppose I will." The speaker had then told her that she had no business there. He could do nothing for her. He could no more pray with her than he could with a dog. The speaker said that he had met with a man who said he had no master. To him the speaker had suggested that Christ was a good master to have. The man said he was independent and had no master. But that was where he made a mistake. He had a master, and Satan was that master. It was downright madness to be on the devil's side, as the devil never helped his adherents when they got into trouble.

At the conclusion of his sermon Mr. Moody asked the backsliders who wished to be prayed for to rise in their places. At first none stood up. Mr. Moody then kept urging "Is there not one?" Suddenly one man arose, then another, then several more, until over fifty were on their feet. Mr. Moody then requested such as were professed Christians, but desired to be quickened and to be re-baptised by the Holy Ghost to rise, that prayers might be offered for them. At this nearly the entire congregation stood up. A fervent prayer was offered up in their behalf and they were told to go into the inquiry rooms. The singing of the hymn, "Jesus, lover of my soul," closed the services. A large overflow meeting was in progress all this time in the smaller hall, and was followed by a young men's meeting. The overflow meeting was presided over by Rev. Robert R. Booth, D. D. Several prayers were offered and an address made and Mr. Sankey sang several hymns.

A PLEA FOR CHARITY.

SERMON BY BISHOP CLARK, OF RHODE ISLAND, IN TRINITY CHAPEL.

At the conclusion of the customary choral service at Trinity Chapel last evening, Right Rev. Bishop Clark, of Rhode Island, preached a sermon soliciting aid for the "Home for Old Men and Aged Couples." His text was taken from Psalms, sixty-eighth chapter, sixth verse: "God setteth the solitary in families; He bringeth out those which are bound with chains." The family, he said, was older than any other divine institution; at the very outset of creation God had established that office, and there was hardly any form of barbarism so low as to be without this institution. The natural instincts of man created the desire to possess his own domestic circle. After portraying the various forms of the family, as appreciated by different nations, and the sense of utter loneliness suffered by certain classes of people who had, by some calamity, been deprived of their families and homes, the speaker passed to the subjects of vagrancy, poverty, and pauperism, so largely illustrated in this City at the present time. To be poor the speaker considered a hardship; but to be poor after having tasted affluence he considered as exquisite misery. There were many causes to which poverty could be attributed besides that entailed by devastating fires or floods. A large class of people existed who were unable to accumulate property, although faithful, honest, and industrious; nothing to which they were adapted seemed to prosper. Other classes were profligate or helpless. The speaker did not countenance indiscriminate alms-giving, but admitted that it was an exceedingly difficult matter to determine the deserving poor from the professional beggars. "Charity should begin at home," he considered a trite aphorism, and this maxim led to the subject of his discourse. People frequently contended that old people suddenly contracted with poverty should "go to the county alms-house;" "they paid taxes to support such institutions, and why," they argued, "should they be called upon to defray the additional expense of maintaining a private institution of a similar character?" Admitting the justice of such arguments, the speaker asserted that there were numerous instances where aged people suffered starvation in preference to availing themselves of the "dole and pittance" provided by the State. The expenses of the institution in question for the year 1875 had not exceeded $6,000, and for that sum eight aged couple had been maintained during the year. In conclusion, the speaker appealed to his auditors to avert the necessity for suspending the valuable offices of the home by contributing liberally to its support.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

The City authorities having by a resolution to that effect, requested the clergy to open their churches for morning services or prayers on Feb. 22, Washington's birthday, the service in Trinity Church on the morning of that day will be at 11 o'clock, instead of at the usual hour. Morning prayer will be sung by a full choir and an anthem will follow. A brief address by the Rector of the parish will then be delivered. Upon the termination of the address, a solemn "Te Deum" will be sung, when the service will close with the benediction. Immediately after this the following airs will be played on the chimes: Ringing the changes on eight bells; "Hail Columbia;" "The Land of Promise;" a concerto in rondo form, with various modulations in major and minor keys, composed by Dr. Edward Hodges for Trinity Church chimes; "Glory to the Father Give;" "Unfurl the Banner;" "Red, White, and Blue;" "Hail, Hail, this Happy Day;" National Anthem; "Child of the Regiment," "See the Conquering Hero Comes," "Washington's Grand March," Centennial Hymn, Fantasia Theme with variations, composed by George F. Bristow expressly for Trinity chimes; "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean," "Vive l'America," "The Soldier's Return," "Centennial March," "Hail to the Chief," "On the Shore of Tennessee," "The Starry Flag," "Old Hundred," "Yankee Doodle."

Mr. John Senia, Jr., will play the following programme on Grace Church chimes: Ringing the changes on bells, "Hail to the Chief," Scotch air, "Hail Columbia," "Song of Liberty," ("Puritani;") "Red, White and Blue," Centennial Hymn, "Carnival of Venice," Melody, with variations, (Dr. Lloyd:) "Yankee Doodle."

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

A HEARTLESS HUSBAND.

SAD STORY OF AN ABANDONED WIFE—THE HUSBAND UNDER ARREST.

Six weeks ago a young and handsome lady, who gave her name as Mrs. Eliza Hawthorne, applied at the Washington Place Police Court for a warrant for the arrest of her husband, C. A. Hawthorne, on a charge of abandonment. She stated to the presiding Justice that her husband, a clerk, did not support her nor their child, and was living with his mother, a Mrs. Lee, keeper of a large boarding-house at No. 30 Waverley place. The warrant was issued and placed in the hands of Officer Curtis, of the Court Squad, who made repeated but fruitless efforts to arrest Hawthorne. On application at the residence of Hawthorne's mother the officer was informed that he was out of town, and finally the warrant was transferred to Officer Grassick, who yesterday morning went to the boarding-house, and, ringing the bell, asked the servant if Hawthorne was at home. The servant answered that he was not up, when Mrs. Lee, Hawthorne's mother, came out in the hall with the old story that her son was out of town. Officer Grassick said he knew Hawthorne was in the house, and that if he did not dress himself at once he would take him out of bed. In a few minutes Hawthorne came down stairs, and was arrested and taken to court. When his wife saw him brought in she fainted away, and some time elapsed before the examination could be proceeded with. The facts, as developed by the inquiry, which was personally conducted by Justice Kilbreth, revealed a sad story of social life. Mrs. Hawthorne stated to the Justice that she was the eldest daughter of Dr. Lownes, of No. 101 East Nineteenth street. Two years ago she and her sister Henrietta formed the acquaintance of Charles Hawthorne and his brother John, who is employed as bar-tender in a Broadway saloon. The young people determined on marriage, and unknown to their parents went to a friend's house, where they were married, Charles Hawthorne to Eliza and John to Henrietta. John Hawthorne and his wife live happily together. Last November Charles Hawthorne informed his wife that he was going away for a while, and that his mother would take care of her during her confinement. He then went away, ostensibly leaving the City. His mother, Mrs. Lee, persuaded the unfortunate young lady to enter a lying-in asylum. Mrs. Lee took her to the Protestant Infant Asylum, No. 74 Lexington place, and, falsely representing herself as a missionary, said that she had found the young lady, whose name she said was Mrs. Horton, in destitute circumstances. Mrs. Hawthorne was recognized by one of the physicians of the hospital as the daughter of Dr. Lownes, and her mother sent for. On her leaving the asylum and calling on the residence of Hawthorne's mother, Mrs. Lee, to inquire as to the whereabouts of her husband, she was informed by Mrs. Lee that if she did not leave immediately she would be given in charge of an officer. These facts were fully corroborated by inquiries made of the physicians having charge of the Infant Asylum. Hawthorne offered no defence, except that he was unable to support his wife. Justice Kilbreth informed him that he was one of the most heartless young scoundrels that had ever been arraigned before him, and committed him in default of bonds for his wife's support. Mrs. Hawthorne is living with her father, and will institute a suit for divorce.

FRANCIS DEAK.

MEETING IN HONOR OF THE GREAT HUNGARIAN STATESMAN—HISTORICAL ADDRESS BY MR. MORITZ ELLINGER.

The mass meeting of the Hungarian Society of this City to celebrate the life and services of the late eminent Hungarian statesman, Francis Deak, was held at the Germania Assembly Rooms yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. Philip Goldstein presided, and Mr. L. Bory acted as Secretary. The Chairman in a short speech stated the object of the meeting, and the pains which had been taken to commemorate the imperishable deeds of the great departed. Coroner Moritz Ellinger followed in an elaborate address in English, in which he dwelt at length upon the historical side of the subject, and demonstrated the lasting benefits which had accrued to Hungary through the moderate and well-timed efforts of Francis Deak. All the great reforms which were accomplished within this period were through his eloquence and perseverence. In the period from 1843 to 1849, the group of patriotic agitators, headed by Kossuth, rose into prominence, and succeeded in drawing away the popular sympathy from the moderate and well-digested policy of Deak. Then followed the shock of the Revolution of 1848, the establishment under Kossuth of a government democratic in everything but name, and the ill-advised and fatal war with Austria. Hungary was again reduced to the old vassalage, and Deak, who had incurred odium by refusing to sanction the hot-headed plans of the Revolutionists, came forth at the risk of his own personal safety to plead for the vanquished and to restore his bleeding country to her rightful position as an independent member of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy. The successive defeats of Austria, by France and Prussia, in 1859 and 1866, paved the way for his project, and in 1867 the veteran statesman had the satisfaction of seeing the establishment of a truly free and constitutional Government. This constitution under which Hungary was now governed embodied a degree of liberty to be found nowhere else in Europe outside of England. The highest honors were offered to Deak, but he refused them all on the plea of poverty. At his suggestion, Count Andrassy, the present Prime Minister of the Empire, was appointed to the head of the Hungarian Cabinet. The influence of the great statesman during the last years of his life was that of the father of his country. His ability was not less marked than his integrity. Though forty years in public life, and with every opportunity of amassing wealth, he died as he had lived, poor in worldly goods. For nearly ten years he had more real power in Hungary over her 15,000,000 of people than the King or his ministers, yet his lodgings in Pesth consisted only of two rooms at a low rent, and his whole retinue was an aged valet from his estate, who had served him many years. So great was his influence that when he rose to address the house every voice was hushed and every measure he proposed was carried. On the street the people, old and young, took off their hats to him and revered him as if he were the father of them all. In stature he was tall, nearly six feet, of stout, robust frame, with a well-shaped, rounded, massive head, indicating great mental power, and extraordinary moral energy.

Mr. Loew followed in a speech in the Hungarian language, and was followed by Mr. Barthod Fraenkel, and by several other speakers who delivered eulogies upon the deceased.

THE PALISADE BOAT CLUB.

The monthly meeting of the Palisade Boat Club, of Yonkers, was held last Monday evening, at which the annual reports were presented. The Treasurer reported the receipts for the year $6,165 66; expenditures, $6,064 46, with a balance on hand of $101 20. The Trustees' report, as filed at the County Clerk's office, states the assets of the club to be $5,728 20 and the liabilities $1,390, making the net assets $4,338 20. The liabilities include bonds issued to pay for the new boat-house, amounting to $1,350. The Building Committee's report shows that the total cost of the new boat-house was $4,025 72, including closet and racks. The Recording Secretary reported a roll of forty-six active and twenty-nine honorary members. The Captain reported that the club had rowed 5,030 miles during the ninety-one working days of the year, a daily average of 23¼ miles. The highest score, 617¼ miles, was made by H. T. Keyser. Officers for 1876 were elected, as follows: President, M. F. Rowe; Vice President, W. H. Guernsey; Recording Secretary, B. F. Vermilye; Corresponding Secretary, R. G. Jackson; Treasurer, E. Underhill; Captain, C. H. Harriot; Lieutenant, H. T. Keyser; Trustees—E. M. Jackson, H. B. Starr, W. H. Stewart, W. F. H. Getty, W. H. King; Committee on Inquiry—J. L. Prosens, W. H. Stewart, J. W. Arthur; Auditing Committee—H. H. Thayer, H. B. Starr, R. J. Uhl; Committee on Repairs and Supplies—C. H. Harriot, H. T. Keyser, A. O. Lawrence. The club is said to be in a flourishing condition.

DARING HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

John Fitzgerald, who, it is claimed by the Police, is a well-known ruffian and thief, but who claims to be an oysterman, residing at No. 444 West Forty-fifth street, was arraigned at the Washington Place Police Court yesterday, charged with a highway robbery of a peculiarly atrocious nature. It appeared from the evidence of the complainant, Mr. Michael McCabe, of No. 229 Eleventh avenue, that while standing on the corner of Fortieth street and Eighth avenue on Saturday night he was suddenly surrounded by a gang of ruffians, who garotted him, beat him severely about the head and face, and robbed him of his watch and chain and all the money in his possession. When he recovered sufficiently to give the alarm, Officer Osborn, of the Twenty-fifth Precinct, proceeded to a saloon at Forty-first street and Tenth avenue, and found Fitzgerald there. On the entrance of the officer the prisoner threw McCabe's watch and chain on the floor, under a table in the saloon. Justice Kilbreth committed Fitzgerald in default of $3,000 bail.

DEFENDING A MOTHER-IN-LAW.

John Knipe was arraigned at the Washington Place Police Court yesterday, charged with knocking Patrick Gilfoy down. The complainant, an unusually good specimen of a young corner-loafer, informed Justice Kilbreth that Knipe had beaten him for doing nothing at all. Mr. Knipe told a different story. He said that Gilfoy was one of a gang of young blackguards who nightly assemble in front of his residence and use indecent language. On his mother-in-law, Mrs. McGuire, asking them to go away, Gilfoy abused her in the vilest manner, whereon Mr. Knipe came out of the house and promptly knocked Gilfoy down. Justice Kilbreth, in rendering his decision, said: "Mr. Knipe, you are discharged, as you are the first man ever brought before me for taking his mother-in-law's part; you acted just right."

OBITUARY.

WILLIAM B. REED, LL.D.

Hon. William B. Reed died at his residence in this City on the evening of Feb. 18. Mr. Reed had been in poor health for some time past, and about three weeks ago was stricken with paralysis. It is believed, however, that the immediate cause of his death was an apoplectic stroke. The deceased was born in Philadelphia, June 30, 1806. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1822, shortly after which he commenced to read law. In 1825 he was admitted to the Bar. He soon became engaged in politics, and in 1834 was elected on the Whig ticket to a seat in the lower house of the Legislature. In the following year he took an active part with Thaddeus Stevens in the organization of the Anti-Masonic Party. Subsequently he was re-elected to the Legislature, and in 1838 he was appointed Attorney General of the State. In 1850 he was elected District Attorney of Pennsylvania, to which office he was re-elected in 1853. In 1856 he renounced his allegiance to the Whig Party, and became one of Mr. Buchanan's most zealous and able supporters. Upon his election President Buchanan appointed Mr. Reed Minister to China, which country was then in the midst of a struggle with the French, Russian, British, and American forces. The treaty with China of June 18, 1858, soon followed his arrival in that country. The treaty, as negotiated by Minister Reed, was ratified by the United States Dec. 21, 1858, and proclaimed Jan. 26, 1860. Upon his return from China he again took up his practice, devoting himself to criminal business. But with all his public and professional duties, Mr. Reed found much time for authorship. He published several volumes and quite a number of pamphlets. He was also a contributor to the *North American Review* and the *Quarterly Review*, and more recently was a regular writer on the editorial staff of the *New-York World*. Mr. Reed's remains were sent to Philadelphia, where his funeral will take place this afternoon. He leaves a family of two sons and one daughter.

JUDGE ELBERT HERRING.

Elbert Herring, one of the earliest Judges of the Marine Court, died Saturday at his home in this City, No. 31 East Twenty-eighth street, aged ninety-nine years. He was born in Stamford, Conn., graduated at Princeton College in 1798, and at once began to study law. Gov. Morgan Lewis appointed him a Judge of the Marine Court in 1805, and Gov De Witt Clinton reappointed him in 1817. He was also Register of the State from 1842 to 1817. He was the first head of the Indian Department of the United States, Andrew Jackson being President. Retiring from active life in his sixty-fourth year, Judge Herring has had little acquaintance with the younger members of the New-York Bar. Nearly all of his associates in the profession have passed away. Charles O'Conor was almost the only lawyer of his acquaintance. He leaves a sister in her eightieth year.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

GAME PROTECTION.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Outside of that particular class of journals which cater directly to field sports and fishing, THE NEW-YORK TIMES has given the greatest attention to questions relating to game protection. In a recent issue of your paper you published the proceedings of the New-York Association for the Protection of Game. If the business of the meeting as printed by you is correct, some of the ideas emanating from members of the association are open to dispute and capable of refutation.

The very zealous counsel of the association, referring to game, and more especially to venison, appears to have made this statement: "The great terportion of it was only kept from becoming putrid by being cooked up with spices, in which condition it was served in the restaurants of this City." As this is a direct reflection on Col. Devoe, the General Superintendent of the market, he must defend himself from the allegation of allowing "putrid meat" to be sold in the market. If the restaurants, "who cook putrid meat with spices," are willing to rest under the imputation of serving disgusting food, they deserve to lose their custom. But the counsel for the association went even further. He insisted "that the same remarks applied to frozen fish, the fat of which, under the thawing process, became decomposed and destroyed the flavor, so that after being frozen for any length of time the choicest fish lost its flavor and became no better than the poorest." What does Mr. Whitehead understand by the word "decomposed?" No decomposition can take place in fish at a temperature below 32°. Excessive cold may cause disintegration, but not decomposition. The trade of the lakes in frozen fish amounts to some millions of dollars a year. White-fish, salmon-trout, and cisco are distributed in a frozen condition all over the Northern States, and form staple articles of food. Are such fish to be considered as unwholesome food? In New-York City 300,000 pounds of the choicest fish are kept in refrigerators and are sold in Winter. Are such large stocks of fish to be classed as decomposed? All the salmon used in New-York from the 15th of September to the 15th of May are stored in freezers. Are refrigerators to be considered as contrivances likely to distribute improper or unwholesome food? Such broad assertions, contrary to the facts, when emanating from prominent members of the association, must naturally impair its usefulness. As to certain statutes included in the Game Fish laws of New-York, more particularly as to trout, such enactments allow full opportunity to doubt their soundness. Section 20 says: "No person shall kill or expose for sale, or have in his or her possession after the same has been killed, any speckled trout, save only from the 15th day of March to the 15th day of September, under a penalty of $25 for each fish." This is explicit enough, of course, but somewhat unjust. Does it not seem strange that a fish dealer should not be allowed, when there is a glut of trout in the market, to purchase fish, and placing them in his refrigerator, dispose of them during such seasons as may suit him? It is impossible to suppose that a jury endowed with common sense would inflict a penalty on a person having trout in his possession during the close season, providing he announces his intention to the association of purchasing his trout between the 15th of March and the 15th of September, placing them in his refrigerator, and selling them after the 15th of September. Game laws must be modified in order to run parallel with modern improvements in the preservation of food. There is one section of the law which is absolutely brutal in its character. Section 30 allows any justice, "upon receiving proof of probable cause for believing in the concealment of any game or fish mentioned in this act during any of the periods prohibited, to issue his search warrant, and cause search to be made in any house, market, boat, car, or other building, and for that end may cause any apartment, chest, box, locker, or basket of fish broken open and the contents examined." This enactment resembles in its audacity Turkish or Chinese law. Very certainly game should be protected, but the arbitrary character of the special laws, and those more particularly imposed on trout, is likely to cast no small amount of odium and prejudice over the whole subject. If every man that swims can be caught and killed in violation of the game laws, their entire disappearance would amount to but little when compared with acts of injustice which might occur in carrying out over-rigorous enactments looking toward their protection.

SALMO FONTINALIS.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Feb. 19, 1876.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH UTTERANCES.

In his sermon yesterday morning, Mr. Beecher made the following allusion to the Advisory Council: "Dear brothers, who have come to help me, let me rather help you, and be your benefactor. You who serve Christ in small churches, and without recognition, be satisfied with the knowledge of Christ's recognition, and that will give you an abiding sense of happiness surpassing all that can be won by earthly fame."

At the evening service at Plymouth Church, Rev. Dr. Salter, of Burlington, Iowa, one of the members of the Advisory Council, preached, in accordance with an announcement in the morning, in the place of Mr. Beecher. In his prayer he besought Divine aid for Mr. Beecher, to enable him to bear up under his sufferings, and he asked that the council be given "wisdom and light" to arrive at a just judgment. In his sermon, which was delivered in an exceedingly sorrowful tone, he spoke of the "slander, vituperation, and persecution" with which Jesus was pursued, and said that his patient endurance of these trials was a lesson for all similarly situated.

BUSINESS FAILURES.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Feb. 20.—Joseph A. Benjamin, of South Egremont, Mass., proprietor of a grist mill, has failed with liabilities amounting to $80,000.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 20.—A temporary injunction was issued by the Circuit Court yesterday, restraining the Guardian Savings Bank from any further transaction of business. A Receiver was also asked for, but no action was taken on that part of the petition. The Guardian Savings Bank is a small concern, and became crippled by the failure of its President, B. J. Rielly, some time ago.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

It is reported that James M. Dougall, a carpenter, of No. 192 Eighth avenue, of whose sudden death the Coroner was notified on Friday, committed suicide by taking Paris green.

Mr. Edward H. Raymon, of No. 33 East One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, on emerging from his residence yesterday morning, found the body of a newly-born infant on the stoop.

A team of horses attached to a coach owned by August Jager, No. 253 West Thirty-first street, fell into an unguarded excavation at Fortieth street and Sixth avenue yesterday morning and were severly injured.

The steam-ship Salier, which left Bremen on Feb. 5 and Southampton on Feb. 8, and the City of Richmond, from Liverpool on Feb. 10 and Queenstown on Feb. 11, reached this port yesterday, with mail news later by five days.

An insane woman named Elizabeth Berrian, a resident of West Farms, attempted to commit suicide yesterday by jumping into the Bronx River at that place. She was rescued by Alexander Donel, and taken home by her husband.

John D. Foshay, a clerk, of No. 137 East Thirtieth street, was run over by a Fourth avenue car at 3 A. M. yesterday, and so horribly mangled about the thighs that he died shortly after being removed to Bellevue Hospital. The driver of the car was arrested.

Officer Robins, of the Tenth Precinct, on Saturday night, made a raid on a disorderly house, No. 48 Forsythe street, and arrested the proprietor, John Ansett, and five others, who were committed for trial by Justice Kasmire, at the Essex Market Police Court yesterday.

At the conclusion of the morning services at the Hippodrome yesterday, after the congregation had dispersed, Sergt. Taylor, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct, found an open-faced gold watch upon the floor. The property awaits identification at the office of the manager, Mr. Samuel Thorne.

Jacob Cohen, proprietor of a tailor store at No. 97 Mercer street, was held for trial at the Washington Place Police Court yesterday, for buying a quantity of goods stolen from the store of Frank E. Draper, No. 608 Broadway, by the porter, John Wright, whose arrest was published in yesterday morning's TIMES.

Mary Clark, who said she was a dress-maker, living at No. 336 West Eleventh street, was fully committed for trial at the Washington Place Police Court, for picking the pocket of Mrs. Martha Harris, of No. 340 West Twenty-third street, while in a dry goods at Twenty-third street and Fifth avenue on Saturday evening.

Louis Rohkohl, a confectioner doing business in Canal street, appeared before Justice Bixby, yesterday morning, in the Tombs Police Court, and gravely preferred a charge against a boy fifteen years old, who appeared in custody, saying that the boy had stolen a stick of candy, which was produced in evidence. As Rohkohl pressed the charge, Justice Bixby held the boy in $300 bail or answer. Bail was promptly furnished by the boy's father.

Two men named Benjamin Benton and William Meyers were arrested on Saturday evening by Officer Cottrell, of the Twenty-second Precinct, on complaint of Mrs. Ellen Donnell, of Yonkers, who charged them with abducting her daughter, Mary Donnell, from her home on Thursday last, and bringing her to this City with the intention of placing her in a house of ill fame. Benton and Miss Donnell were married yesterday morning at the Fifty-seventh Street Police Court, which ended the affair.

A sensation was created in the Tombs Police Court, yesterday, by the entrance of Officer Sharp with six men and two large white dogs of ignoble breed but savage aspect. The officer testified that he had been instructed to go to a saloon at No. 51 West street by a noise inside, and, on entering, found the dogs engaged in a fierce combat, and the men looking on and encouraging them. The prisoners, who gave their names as Thomas Dunleary, Frank Wielt, Henry D. Campbell, Frank Kelly, Thomas Callahan, and James Murphy, were held in $500 bail, each, and the dogs were sent to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

John Powers, of No. 330 East Seventy-sixth street, was arrested by Officer Murtha, of the Twenty-third Precinct, on a charge of burglary. Early on Saturday morning the unoccupied building No. 328 East Seventy-sixth street was entered, and $23 worth of lead pipes stolen, besides great damage being done to the building itself. John Barwick, of East Seventy-fourth street, stated that the prisoner, together with Morgan Bailey, of One Hundred and Ninth street, who has not yet been arrested, sold him a large quantity of lead, which has been identified as the property. Although the prisoner denied his guilt he was committed to answer, in default of $1,000 bail, by Justice Smith, at the Harlem Police Court yesterday.

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Thomas Dillon, of No. 203 Van Brunt street, was arrested yesterday morning, on a charge of committing a felonious assault on Mrs. Margaret Jones, residing at the same place.

By the will of Admiral Stringham, his widow Henrietta has a life interest in the income from his entire estate, the property at her death to revert to the testator's children and grandchildren.

Patrick Hubbard, aged fifty-six, residing in Dupont street, was severely injured on Saturday afternoon, while digging a cellar in Newell street, near Van Cott avenue, by the earth caving in on him. He was removed to the hospital.

James E. Coleman, of the corner of South First and Seventh streets, has been held on a charge of acting in collusion with an unknown man, who robbed the store of the Remington Sewing Machine Company, on Broadway, of $27 on Friday last.

The relatives of Mr. John F. Bauer, the German baker, at No. 115 Smith street, who died on Thursday last, from the effects of drinking some cyanide of potassium in a photograph gallery, say that he drank it by mistake, thinking it was water.

Patrick Cahill, of the corner of Henry and Nelson streets, was arrested on Saturday evening on a charge of abandoning his wife, Margaret, and his child, on the 1st of April, 1851, since which